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- Spend more time with family
- See more of North America
- Spend time outdoors
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RVING WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT



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Provide women RVers, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or financial status, a supportive network and the opportunity to enjoy the RVing lifestyle in a safe and knowledgeable manner.

Vision:

A premier organization for women interested in the RVing lifestyle.

We Value:

- Diversity of our members.
- Integrity and respect.
- The abilities, skills and resources of each member.
- The time and efforts of those who provide leadership and support.
- Our chapter structure which provides a supportive network.
- Educational opportunities to promote safe RVing.

RVing Women (RVW) is a nonprofit 501(c)(7) corporation organized and operated exclusively for social, recreational and educational purposes. The Board of Directors of RVing Women is guided by our Mission and Vision in defining our goals.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



RVW national and chapter events are held year-round in every region of the U.S. and in Canada. Wherever you go, RVing Women connects you to members who are interested in RVing and who can offer information, suggest places to see and things to do, and provide assistance when needed. Contact information for RVW chapters is included in each issue of RVW magazine and on our website at www.rvingwomen.org.

RVW sponsors classes for women on safe driving practices and RV maintenance. Some classes are led by RVing Women; others are led by experts and technicians we have contracted.

Membership news, rally announcements, a chapter contact directory and information for RVers is published online at www.rvingwomen.org. The members-only section includes minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and copies of RVW policies and procedures. Our website also offers a member forum for sharing information, advice, travel plans and on-the-road experiences.

Every other month, members receive RVW, a magazine offering stories shared by other members, information on technical subjects, a calendar of events and contact information for our chapters. The members-only section of our website includes current and back issues.

Member benefits also include access to the annual RVW Membership Directory, discounts on classified advertising in our magazine and online, a listing of RV parks offering discounts to members, and a club decal that can be placed on your RV or vehicle to identify you in campgrounds and on the road, making it easier for RVing Women to connect.

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Linda Brown, President
RVW Board of Directors

Looking Forward to 2017 and Beyond

Before moving forward, I must thank **Chris Perkins** and **Meg van Zyl** for their years on the RVW Board of Directors. I am very proud to have worked with you both. Together with **Cathy Atkins**, the four of us served most of 2014 and all of 2015 as four believing and

knowing we could work like we were five.

Meg and I started together on the Board of Directors in 2013. She has served as our treasurer all four years. Only the Finance Committee, with their due diligence, could understand what the board learned with Meg holding onto the purse strings so tightly and keeping us in the black each year. I knew her chuckle and that *look* really meant *No!* Meg served RVW for many years on the local and national level before serving on the Board of Directors. She will continue to serve on the Finance Committee. Now she and Karlene can enjoy their two new golden retrievers and Meg can finally visit her family in Australia.

Chris served on the Development Committee and Open Road before joining the Board of Directors in 2014. She has had a challenge being responsible for national committees with limited members for three years. She set and met her high goals for Open Road every year. She found candidates for the Board of Directors elections and volunteers for national rallies. She was never shy in expressing her opinions. She could look you in the eye, and you knew exactly what she was saying to you. She brought the Task Force for Volunteerism and Leadership Development (TFVLD) to me to approve their formation. What a jewel in the desert they have become! I hope Chris is enjoying finally being home in Ohio for a white Christmas.

I thought 2016 would be an exciting year with a full board of diverse and enthusiastic women. I dare to believe that your 2017 Board of Directors of five is even more enthusiastic. I could sense this during our board workshops in Mesa, Arizona in October. Our two new board members are **Karen Knight** (Florida and Heart of Dixie chapters) and **Jan Russell** (Mid-America Chapter). They will be joining us for our week-long workshop at the RVW office in Apache Junction, Arizona (January 16 to 20). Results of this workshop, including our goals for 2017 and approving the budget, will be shared through the Board Biz, CAC meetings, E-News and magazine articles.

Your RVW officers for 2017 are **Linda Brown**, President; **Bev Smethurst**, Vice President and Treasurer; and **Pat Bowen**, Secretary.

Now we must look ahead to 2017. Our first challenge will be getting to a balanced budget. There are some factors that will add to the challenge this year. Oh my, if we only had a crystal ball!

Many of you participated in various surveys sponsored by the Task Force for Volunteerism and Leadership Development during 2016 and while at convention. Some of those results were shared with me by two members of the task force at a rally in Casa Grande, Arizona in December. The Board of Directors had a good idea what our members have been thinking and saying over the years and this task force gave us the validation of what all of you were thinking and saying to us for years.

Now I have been given my marching orders from the task force on how your board will move forward in January to integrate the 2017 RVW mission, vision and values by understanding and changing the culture of RVW through volunteerism and leadership. A member of the task force will help facilitate the board during a workshop session to look at the framework of the board and to bring about an action plan to accomplish the mission, vision and values of RVW. We will have goals for RVW, and we will have goals for the Board of Directors.

The word for 2017 is *culture*. This word and its definition has different meaning for all of us. After reading various definitions, this is what I see that it means to RVW.

Our organization has a shared set of beliefs, customs, values, attitudes, behaviors, practices, experiences, expectations and both written and unwritten rules that hold us together as an organization.

This is reflected in how we conduct the business of RVW, how we treat our leaders and how we treat each other both within the organization and in our everyday lives. Do we have the freedom to make national and chapter decisions and develop new ideas? How does leadership and information flow through RVW? Are we all committed to the mission, vision, values and goals of RVW? Are we committed to you? Absolutely!

This transition begins with your Board of Directors. As we move forward into new and uncharted territory, we will share our successes, beginning at the chapter leadership level. From there, we will continue on directly with each of you. Come join us on our new adventure.

Linda Brown

We are all about sharing information and experiences—at chapter rallies, national events, RVW conventions and on our website. Next time you are online, check out the *RVW Forum* at www.rvingwomen.org. Log in using your name and personal password and then select the *Members Only* menu at the top of the page and drop down to the *Forum/Chat* button. The *RVW Forum* addresses all aspects of RVing and also includes an *Ask the Board* section.



RVING WOMEN NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

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Visit our website at www.RVingWomen.org

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Dee Johnson, Managing Editor
RVW Magazine

Moving Forward

If December was any reliable predictor of what is to come, we can expect that each new day of 2017 will bring new surprises, things we never thought to anticipate. The usual advice doesn't seem to apply, so this year I decided to look to astrology for guidance.

My first foray into this area of research put me into a state of total confusion. I have been there before, so I instantly recognized where I was. I just didn't know what to do about it.

I am an Aries, so I looked to Aries experts to find advice directly pointed at me. I learned that I was in danger of going about in a sort of circular fashion. Well, I also have done that before, sometimes spinning out of control, sometimes spinning with such force that I flip away like a dancer at the end of the whip. That flipping away does, finally, get me going in a new direction.

That is what the stars told me I needed to do, that I needed to get somewhere new. Unfortunately, there wasn't any advice as to how I was to get there. Flipping away just didn't seem attractive.

Not being satisfied with that lack of guidance, I decided to start a more serious search.

I propelled myself out into the online universe.

I must have landed on more than one planet. The advices I found were so entirely different from one another that I just knew somehow it was not possible we all were moving about in the same space.

The next horoscope warned me that people sometimes make unwarranted claims. Well, I guess I already knew that, too. I'm not really sure what was intended because that observation was followed with a paragraph that allowed that I could go out on a limb, if all my chores were taken care of, so long as I remembered to take things with a grain of salt.

Were the stars telling me I needed to guard against being a person who is fooled or deceived? I decided to err on the side of prudence and to discard that bit of counsel altogether.

A general bit of advice found on horoscope.com encouraged me to be wild with my ideas, to do some brainstorming with myself. I rather liked that idea.

I looked for more bits of wisdom to reinforce my wild inclinations and learned that while my almost childlike attitude might disturb others, it is exactly that part of me that has allowed me to do what I want and, the stars further told me, this was a part of me that must not be encouraged to disappear.

The same website, however, did tell me that I might want to have other people on board to help keep things in balance and to temper my hedonistic tendencies. Get other people's perspectives, the stars admonished, and remember that a true leader is one who walks behind her people.

So then I went on to huffingtonpost.com. I had no idea Huffington cared about the lining up of the stars and moons and other spacey things, but I kept reading nonetheless. They kind of went along with the idea that I needed other people on board and also emphasized that I should not only speak responsibly, but I should also consider the principles that motivate me to speak in the first place. They referenced Buddha's caution. "Better than a thousand hollow words is one word that brings peace."

Well, if I could have only one sentence of advice to take me into 2017, that would probably be the one sentence I should choose. There is no promise that this will be a peaceful year, but it should be our goal to promote peace as much as possible.

That does not mean we abandon our principles. Peace is not the absence of conflict. It is the agreement to work together in spite of conflicted opinions, diverse needs and variant goals. Peace often requires a cooling-down period, analysis and compromise—and it always requires taking into consideration the perspectives of others.

I am not sure that looking to astrology has helped me get ready for this New Year, but living now in the second century of my life, I don't have time to move about in a sort of circular fashion. I don't have any choice except to move forward. Moving toward peace seems like the right direction to take.

Dee Johnson

Send your your letters, articles, chapter news and announcements to rvweditor@rvingwomen.org or by postal mail to RVW Editor, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117-4074. The editor's cell phone is 360-510-2557. The deadline for our March/April issue is January 25.

Photos to accompany articles are always appreciated. Electronic files sent as a jpeg attachment are preferred. Please identify the person who took the photo and include two or three sentences describing the photo and listing the names of people pictured.

RVW OPEN ROAD PROGRAM



PAVING THE WAY TO OUR FUTURE

Contributions to the RVW Open Road Program can be made as a one-time contribution or as annual or monthly contributions made by check, a bank's bill pay service or credit card. All contributions automatically accrue from one level to the next. A household may participate as one unit but may include no more than two individuals. To make a contribution, go to www.rvingwomen.org and click on *Contribute*, fill out the form and choose method of payment or mail the form below to RVW, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117-4074. Fax to 480-671-6230.

Current year contributors are recognized each year in the March/April RVW magazine. For all individuals, households and chapters contributing to the Open Road program, we thank you for your support.

The RVW Open Road Program is a giving program allowing members and friends the opportunity to contribute to the growth and stability of RVW. Contributions may be restricted by the donor to a specific purpose or may be unrestricted and thus available for purposes to be determined by the RVW Board of Directors.

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If you need help updating your membership profile, call the RVW office at 480-671-6226 or email rvwoffice@rvingwomen.org. The RVW office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday (Arizona time).



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These New Members

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Jean O'Leary Jamaica Plain
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*To all of you, thank you
for your continued support!*

Established in 1991, RVing Women is the oldest continually-operating organization dedicated to supporting women RVers.

The RVW Board of Directors meets every month via a Go-to-Meeting online conference room. The board also meets for face-to-face meetings and workshop sessions in January and at the annual RVW Convention.

A schedule of board meetings, the RVW goals for 2016, and the minutes of RVW board meetings are published online at www.rvingwomen.org in the *Members Only* section.

Your input is always welcome. If you have questions, you can submit them in writing via mail or email to the board president or post them on our website forum in the *Ask the RVW Board* area. Sign in to the website at www.rvingwomen.org, then drop down from the *Members Only* and *Forum* menus. You can also post comments and suggestions in our website *Suggestion Box*, which is accessed from the *Members Only* menu.

The RVW office is staffed by Monica Lindmark and Kathi Contreras. They will be happy to help you if you have questions about member benefits or need help using the website or updating your member profile. Call 480-671-6226, send an email to rvwoffice@rvingwomen.org or fax 480-671-6230. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arizona time.



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Linda Brown, Pat Bowen, Bev Smethurst, Jan Russell, Karen Knight

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Convention 2019

November Board Meeting and Officer Elections

During our monthly meeting held on November 16, your RVW Board covered many end-of-the-year topics. Some of the items that were discussed and/or acted upon included:

- Final 2016 convention report from Linda Elliott.
- 2017 contracts for our independent contractors.
- Rescinded the motion from 2015 to combine the Member Services and PR & Marketing committees into one committee.
- Election of the RVW Board of Directors officers for 2017. All 2016 board and board-elect members voted for our officers for 2017.

RVW officers for 2017 are President, Linda Brown; Vice-President and Treasurer, Bev Smethurst; and Secretary, Pat Bowen. Karen Knight will serve as assistant treasurer.

Convention 2016 Success

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Linda Elliott, convention coordinator, Meg van Zyl, Board of Directors liaison, the Arizona Chapter, our host chapter, and all the many volunteers who served attendees to make our 20th annual convention in Mesa, Arizona a success. We also want to thank all of the vendors who provided us with the most up-to-date products, services and seminars. We had 409 paid attendees, parked 229 RVs, travel trailers and fifth wheels and rented 14 park models.

Convention 2017

Linda Elliott is already hard at work getting ready for our convention in 2017. It will be held in Goshen, Indiana at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds. Convention dates are October 17 to 23. Pre-convention activities will begin on October 13. Previous conventions in Goshen were held in 2002 and 2011. Watch for more information in future magazines and on the RVW website.

2017 RVW January Workshops and Meeting

The 2017 RVW Board of Directors will meet January 16 to 20 for five days of workshops and a board meeting at the RVW office in Apache Junction, Arizona. The board welcomes Karen Knight and Jan Russell as they begin their three-year terms. Bev Smethurst and Pat Bowen complete their terms at the end of 2018. Linda Brown completes her term at the end of 2017. Jan Russell is wintering in Apache Junction, Arizona. Linda Brown will be driving in from the San Diego, California area. Bev Smethurst, Karen Knight and Pat Brown will be flying in from Florida and Texas.

The January work week offers us the opportunity to work together face to face as we make plans for this year. The board will be looking at our financials as we approve the 2017 budget. We will review all items regarding the business of RVW. We will be reviewing our mission, vision and values statements. We will be reviewing the results of many of the surveys completed by the Task Force on Volunteerism and Leadership Development to determine how we change the culture in RVW to accomplish the mission, vision and values of our organization. We will review our 2016 goals to see how successful RVW was and then set our goals for 2017. This includes how we plan to accomplish these goals. We will also review our working documents and policies and identify any that potentially will need revision.

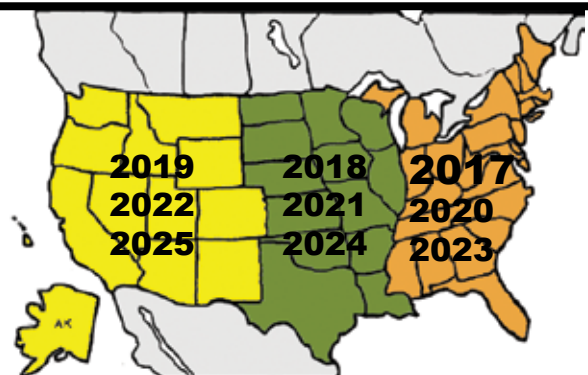
We will meet with our RVW editor Dee Johnson and our bookkeeper Rebecca The, work with our webmaster Dianne Walker and observe Monica Lindmark and Kathi Contreras, our office staff, in action.

If you are in the area while we are here, please stop by and say hi! Be careful—we might just ask you to volunteer to give us a hand and join a national committee.

*Linda Brown
2017 RVW President*

Convention Locations Rotate

RVW conventions are held on a rotating basis in the West (a region comprising Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and areas west of those states), the East (a region comprising Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and areas east of those states), and the Midwest (the central region comprising all other states inside our continental borders). These three regions, and the area locations of future conventions, are indicated on the map shown here.



Your Letters

Twenty-five years ago. Twenty conventions ago. Our special thank yous go to Zoe Swanagon and Lovern King, early rally leaders, board members, convention leaders, volunteers and special friends. You all know who you are. RVW changed our lives!—*Gerri Pries and Alta Jones*

The 2016 RVW Convention was a huge success and a lot of fun. Everything appeared to run smoothly, but behind the scenes there were a number of issues with the View Point Resort management's lack of cooperation. Most attending the convention were totally unaware of this because of Convention Coordinator Linda Elliott's composure and can-do attitude. She never lost her cool or positive professional attitude. If she did not become angry or frustrated, those around her followed her lead.

RVW is so lucky to have such a competent woman who time and time again has taken on this almost thankless job which requires almost year-round work for little reward and generates a sizeable profit for RVW. Three cheers for Linda Elliott!—*Lindy Loudon, Convention Volunteer Coordinator*

I just learned that Dee Johnson is retiring at the end of 2017 as editor of *RVW* magazine. Thank you, Dee, for so many wonderful articles, observations, humor over the years. I'll miss your words, but I appreciate your wanting to just kick back for awhile without a deadline hanging over your head. Enjoy every minute of your retirement. It's well earned.—*Annie Boisvert*

Thank you for that inspiring editorial in the November/December issue of *RVW* magazine. Thank you for reminding us that happiness is not accidental and that by spreading happiness it will, indeed, come back to us.—*Maureen Carrsyn*

Gratitudes and Opportunities

We are pleased to welcome **Karen Knight** and **Jan Russell** to the RVW Board of Directors. Karen and Jan were elected to serve terms from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019. To the many members who voted in our 2016 election, thanks for taking the time to vote and for your commitment to RVW.

Continuing their terms on the Board of Directors will be President **Linda Brown**, serving an extended term through December 31, 2017, and **Pat Bowen** and **Bev Smethurst**, serving terms through December 31, 2018.

Meg van Zyl and **Christine Perkins** retired from the Board of Directors at the end of 2017. To Meg and Chris and to all who have volunteered as directors and officers of RVW, our sincere thanks for your generous service.

We are pleased to recognize **Lori Alexander, Jane Antonoli, Peg Berger, Carol Staley Carlisle, Sherli Chin, Phyllis Dixon, Linda Elliott, Joanne Hart, Martha Hughes, Kuci Manz, Sharlene Marchette, Tina Mischke, Jeanne Morris, Bobbie Shiplett, Sherrie Steber, Diane Tricomi** and **Tasha Whitmore** for their success in recruiting members who recently joined RVW. Our thanks to all of you who are telling the women you meet about RVW.

Our fundraisers brought in nearly \$7,000 at Convention 2016. **Penny Smith, Francie Hemphill, Chery Davidovich, Stephanie Ringer, Shelley Rife, Mo Hennessey, Samantha Odom, Brenda Edwards and Liz Kieffer** and several Solo Chapter members joined with our Fundraising Committee, headed by **Jan Miller, Libby Jones and Mary Ellen Kroes**, to create a fun and very successful collection of games, raffles and auctions. The surprise quilt auction netted \$1,200. **Betty Burnett** and a talented team of quilters worked throughout the convention week to complete a quilt with individual squares representing all RVW chapters. The winning bid for the quilt was placed by **Linda Brown and Barbara Roeder**.



photo: Yvonne Johnson

Celia's Garden is a beautiful desert garden located in Quartzsite, Arizona that is host to several memorials, including the **RVW Memorial** where over 80 RVW members are honored. Every year, during the RVW boondocking rally at Mile Marker 99, there is a re-dedication to honor these ladies and to see the new memorial plaques that have been placed since the previous ceremony. The 2017 re-dedication will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 22.

Please note: Celia's Garden is only for memorializing people, and the RVW Memorial is reserved exclusively as a place to honor RVW members. Only the small plaques purchased for \$6 should be placed in or around the RVW Memorial. We have had several larger markers, using other signs, that have appeared that were for pets and people. Please help us to keep the memorial uniform and to abide by the Celia's Garden mandate that no pets should be included in the gardens.

Mile Markers

Debbie Pruitt passed away November 11, 2016, losing her battle with cancer. She was one of the best friends a person could have. Deb loved the time spent camping with all of her RVW/Northeast Network friends. She especially loved zip-lining adventures and lived her life to the fullest. If you met Deb even once, she became a friend.

The first Northeast Network rally she attended was held in Wales, Massachusetts a number of years ago. It was a very rainy weekend and everyone stood on the bank and watched to see who was sleeping in the cot tent attached to the back of a jeep. Debbie appeared with a huge smile, a very strong Texan drawl and open arms ready to meet and befriend everyone in attendance. She quickly became the Northeast Network resident electrician, as that was her life-long profession. She was always willing to help with whatever you needed done.

Deb attended her final Northeast Network rally last September in Littleton, New Hampshire and made the journey to the summit of Mount Washington via the Cog Railway. Debbie truly loved her family, her little dog Koda, her friends and everyone she met along the way. She will be sadly missed by all of us.

Anita Thomas, one of the charter members of the Lyte Hearts Chapter, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2016. She was 97 years old and had been in a care home for the past few months.

Anita will be best remembered for her kind spirit, her smile and how she dressed up for camping. No matter where we were camped, no matter what time of day it was, her face and hair were perfect and her cropped pants, blouse and little sweater matched. Her companion was a beautiful Siamese cat named Angel, who died last year.

Anita had a pilot's license and lived on a farm with her husband and cats. After his passing, she joined RVing Woman in 1997. She had to hang up her keys a few years ago. She was 78 years old when she last joined us for a campout at Young's Lake in 2009. When we think of Anita and her spirit of adventure, we have to smile.

Call for Managing Editor for RVW Magazine

Do you love setting words to paper and creating messages that inform and entertain? Do you have a basic understanding of layout and design and a solid grounding in the rules that govern grammar and composition? Do you have experience working with commercial print and using sophisticated layout software? Are you a self-starter who is able to manage multiple projects with little oversight?

Do you recognize and agree that printed information should be correct and factual? Do you pay attention to details and do the extra research that is needed to make sure the information you publish is complete, makes sense to the reader and is accurate?

Dee Johnson, our managing editor of *RVW* magazine, has submitted her resignation effective with the November/December 2017 issue of the magazine. If you can say yes to the above questions, you could be the person we choose to take over as our new managing editor. If selected, you will be responsible for determining the content of each issue of *RVW* magazine incorporating announcements, photos and articles submitted by chapter leaders, RVW committee chairs, the RVW Board of Directors, RVW members, and technical advisors. You will be responsible for reviewing and editing all submissions, securing author approval if needed, and reviewing all advertising insertions to ensure adherence to print specifications. You will also work directly with our print vendors, setting print schedules and securing cost quotes as needed.

The qualifications you will need as managing editor include:

- Good communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Solid grounding in grammar and composition.
- Computer literate in both word processing and layout software.
- Good organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to coordinate multiple projects.
- Self-starter with demonstrated ability to meet deadlines.

The professional experience you will need as managing editor includes:

- Experience editing printed materials.
- Experience working with commercial printers.
- Experience using InDesign, PhotoShop and Adobe Acrobat Pro.
- Experience negotiating with commercial printers.

This is a contract position. The selected candidate must have reliable access to email and internet and will be responsible for securing liability insurance and providing all needed equipment, software and materials. Candidates should provide a cover letter, a resume demonstrating experience that relates to her ability to successfully edit a professional print magazine, two writing samples and two references who can confirm her writing and editing experience.

This position is open to RVW members only. Qualifying candidates will be reviewed and approved by the board. The deadline for applying is April 15, 2017. The selected candidate will have the option to job share with the current editor for a six-month period.

For further information or to send your completed application materials, email Linda Brown at lindab@rvingwomen.org or call 760-212-4654.

NAVIGATING FORUMS

The forums on the RVW Website have lots of useful information. They are an exclusive benefit for members. Since they may only be viewed by members, you must sign on to the RVW website to read them.

If you have never signed on to the website or do not know your user name or password, contact Monica Lindmark at the RVW office. She can quickly help you sign on for the first time. You may reach her at 480-671-6226 during office hours (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arizona time).

To find the forums, log on to the website and go to the far right side of the website to the *Members Only* menu tab. Drop down to the third topic, the *Forum* tab. To the left you will have a choice of *Forum* or *Chat*. Click *Forum* again.

Several general subject areas will be displayed, including:

- Ask the RVW Board. Here is where you can ask questions directly of the RVW Board of Directors or bring up any topic about our organization. A member of the board will answer your question!
- Introduce Yourself. A place to meet other members.
- Website Tips and Resources.
- Tips and Technical Questions (including GPS, Computers, Satellite and Solar).
- RVing Lifestyle (including New to RVing, Fulltiming, Boondocking, Working/Volunteering and Caravanning).
- Activities and Interests.
- Great Places to Visit (including Camping Spots and Repair Facilities).
- Fitness and Food. Click here to find great recipes.
- General Forum. The place to go when you are not sure where to post your question.

You may select a topic by clicking on the green title, which will open up several more green sub topics to explore. If you don't see the topic you are looking for, go to the top right of the page and enter the topic in the *Search Forums* box. You will be provided with all posts which contain that topic!

If you wish to reply to a forum thread, at the top of the page click *Post Reply* and add your response or question. Don't forget to click on *Submit* at the bottom of your entry so the information successfully posts.

If you have posted a question or if you are interested in learning when a topic has a new post, go to the top of the page where *Subscribe to Updates* is indicated. You will be notified when a response is posted. If at any time you wonder what you are subscribed to, click on *My Subscriptions and Settings* at the top of the *Forum* page. There you will see a list of the forums to which you are subscribed. You may unsubscribe to instant updates at any time by returning to this area.

If you are a member of a committee or of the leadership group as a board member or chapter leader, click *Groups* under *My Profile*. You will see a private link that allows you to navigate to the private forums or blogs that are associated with those groups.

If you have questions about using the online resources RVW offers, contact Jan Miller, E-Communications Committee Chair, at janbouldercity@aol.com

Change of Address

If your mailing address, phone number or email address changes, please go online to update your contact information, even if the change is temporary. To update, log in to our website at www.rvingwomen.org, go to *Manage Profile* and then to *Edit Bio*. If we do not have your current address on file, your copy of *RVW* magazine is not forwarded. Instead, it is destroyed at the post office and RVW is charged a service fee.

Traveling?

You can opt out of receiving a print magazine when you are traveling. *RVW* magazine is also published in pdf format and is available from the *Members Only* menu at www.rvingwomen.org.

Membership Cards

RVW membership cards are online and available at any time for you to print. To print your membership card, sign in to the *RVW* website at www.rvingwomen.org, go to the left side menu, select *Manage Profile* and then select *Membership Card*. Your card will be displayed with your membership number and membership expiration date. If you are a member that does not go online, we can print and mail your new membership card when you renew. Just let us know.

Contact Us

If you have questions about member benefits or need help using the website or updating your member profile, call the *RVW* office at 480-671-6226 or email rvwoffice@rvingwomen.org. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arizona time.



Call for Candidates for the 2018 RVW Board of Directors

To keep this strong organization vibrant, we need good candidates to run for positions on the RVW Board of Directors. Please consider using your time and your skills as a member of the board.

To serve on the RVW Board of Directors, as of January 1 of the election year, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have been an RVW member in good standing for two or more years.
- Have attended at least one RVW national convention.
- Have life skills that support the duties of the Board of Directors of RVing Women and/or have been an active participant at either the national or chapter level, defined as having:
 - Served on a national committee for a minimum of one year, or
 - Served as a chapter officer for a minimum of one year, or
 - Planned and hosted at least one RVW national event or two chapter rallies.
- Have basic computer skills, computer access and internet access.
- Possess good communications skills.
- Can be available and able to attend two extended annual workshops (one in January and a second one before the national convention) and attend monthly board meetings and at least three chapter leader meetings per year by phone or internet.

Board candidates will be strongly encouraged to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors to be held in October in Goshen, Indiana (immediately prior to the 2017 RVW national convention and pre-convention activities). Board candidates may campaign at the convention.

Please complete the candidate application and return it by July 1, 2017 to the RVW Office, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117-1940 or email to rvwoffice@rvingwomen.org. Attach a head-and-shoulders color photo (as a professionally processed print or high-resolution jpeg file).

For more information, contact any member of our 2016 RVW Board of Directors. Contact information is listed in this magazine on page 10.

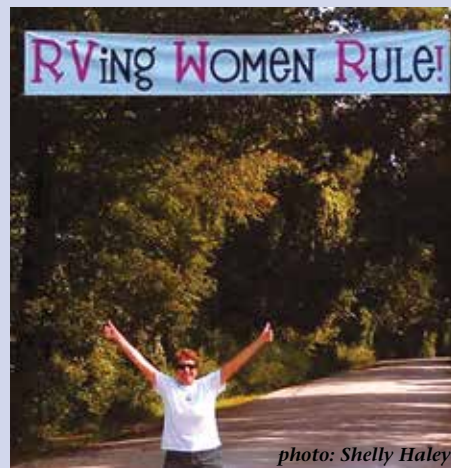


photo: Shelly Haley

Serving on the RVW Board of Directors could be one of the most fun and memorable experiences you will ever have.

Take time now to consider what you can do. July 1 is the deadline for submitting an application to serve on the 2018 RVW Board of Directors.

Candidate Application for the RVW Board of Directors

Name _____ Chapter Affiliation(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

With this form, attach a color photo (head and shoulders) and a statement that includes:

- Your tenure with RVW, the number of years, highlights, disappointments, etc.(100 words or less),
- Your goals for RVW, the challenges and opportunities we now face (100 words or less),
- A bio highlighting experiences you have that would contribute to the RVW mission to provide women RVers, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or financial status, a supportive network and the opportunity to enjoy the RVing lifestyle in a safe and knowledgeable manner.

The deadline for submitting this application is July 1, 2017.

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People's Choice Award RVW 2016 Photo Contest



photo: Cindy Turvy

Landscapes & Nature Category
First Place Winner
Cindy Turvy
"The Grand Tetons"

Runner Up
Naomi Weinert
"Amsterdam
Flowers"

Honorable
Mention
Diane Milnor
"Oia Church"



photo: Diane Milnor



photo: Naomi Weinert

Great and Simple Designs



Winner

Tammy Haley

"Fence Art"

Runner Up

Cindy Turvy

"Historic John Moulton Barn"



Honorable Mention

Joan Wiszmann

"Freedom Breeze"

2016 RVW Photo Contest Winners

Sports and Adventure

Winner

Sandy Stephens

"Biking to the Finish"



Runner Up

Joann Wiszmann

"Paddler's Reflection"



Honorable Mention

Tammy Haley

"Up, Up and Away!"



Landscapes and Nature

Winner
Cindy Turvy
"The Grand Tetons"



Runner Up
Naomi Weinert
"Amsterdam Flowers"



Honorable Mention
Diane Milnor
Oia Church



2016 RVW Photo Contest Winners

RVing

Winner
Joann Wiszmann
"Rigs at Rest"



Runner Up
Deb Hurrle
"Jasper National Park, Canada"



Honorable Mention
Sandy Stephens
"Reflections"



Wildlife and Pets

Winner

Diane Milnor

"Fiery-Throated Hummingbird"



Runner Up

Sandy Stephens

"Smiling Dog"



Honorable Mention

Barbara Linsley

"Curious Bear"



2016 RVW Photo Contest Winners

Winner

Tammy Haley

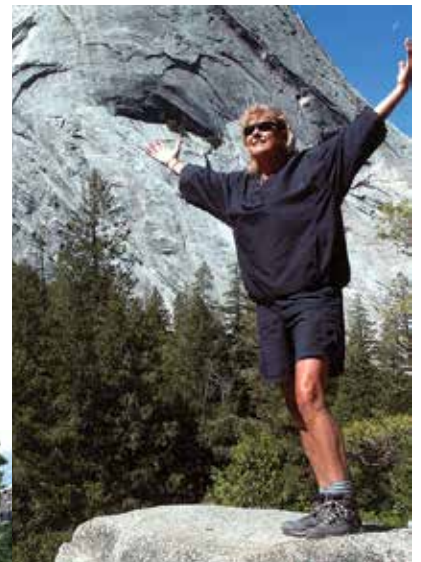
"I'm So Alive Here!"



Runner Up

Sandy Stephens

"The Force"



Honorable Mention

Deb Hurrle

"Respect Our Wildlife"



Got photos?

Get them ready for the 2017 RVW photo contest!

Submit your photos and they could be featured in this magazine. A first place, runner up and honorable mention photo will be selected in each category and published in *RVing Women* magazine and online at www.rvingwomen.org.

Photos must be received in the RVW office by September 22, 2017. You may submit an unlimited number of photos in any of our six photo contest categories.

CONTEST CATEGORIES

RVing

photos representing the joys of RVing and the RV lifestyle

Wildlife and Pets

photos of animals in the wild and candid or posed photos of pets

People

candid or posed photos of people

Landscapes and Nature

photos of scenic outdoor vistas and natural landscapes

Great and Simple Designs

photos of buildings, cityscapes, farmlands, sculptures, monuments and compositions of objects

Sports and Adventure

photos depicting any of a broad range of sports activities

It's Easy!

We have simplified the rules. Don't send a CD. Just send us your photos before September 22.

1. This contest is open to members of RVing Women only.
2. Choose your best/favorite photos. Submit an 8x10-inch professionally processed print of each photo. Do not include photos submitted in a previous RVW photo contest.
3. On the back of each photo, clearly print the category that best fits the photo, your first and last name, and the date the photo was taken. Include a two or three word title and a note describing the photo and location.
4. Include an entry fee of \$3 per photo. An unlimited number of photos may be submitted in any of the six photo contest categories. Proceeds will go to support RVW.
5. Send entries to RVing Women, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117-4074. For courier delivery, send to RVing Women, 879 N. Plaza Drive, Suite 103B, Apache Junction AZ 85120-4132. Entries must be received in the RVW office by September 30, 2016.

Photos will be displayed at this year's convention in Goshen, Indiana. Contest results will be posted at the convention and published in the January/February 2018 issue of this magazine. Winning photos will be published in *RVW* magazine and online at www.rvingwomen.org.

For best results, use a high resolution setting when taking photos. Most camera shops can help you set your camera to high resolution.

Filters may be used and photos may be cropped, but "digital magic" photos will not be accepted (i.e., artificially colorized or manipulated to add or delete an image, stretch or skew an object or change a background). Photos with captions or text added also will not be accepted.

All photos submitted as part of this contest become the possession of RVing Women and will not be returned. RVW reserves the right to use the photos submitted in the *RVW* magazine and website and in promotional materials.



RVW 2016 National Convention Draws Record Attendance

Celebrating 25 years 1991-2016

Mesa, Arizona — October 25 to 30, 2016



photo: Anne Mathiesen



photo: Yvonne Johnson



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photo: Deb Spence



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photo: Sherrie Steber

RVW 2016 National Convention

The theme for our 2016 RVW Convention in Mesa, Arizona—Making Dreams Possible—was a reminder that RVW has been supporting women who dream of RVing for the past 25 years.

We topped our record for largest convention attendance at 409 registrations plus several day passes. Including vendors, we occupied 224 RV sites. Additional members stayed in park models, Comfort Inn, and other locations nearby. Over 25 vendors sold goods and services.

Long before attendees arrived, our Seminar Committee, chaired by Mary Beth Stearns, filled our program with a variety of seminars. In addition to the maintenance classes, 19 different vendors and 21 members and friends of RVW presented 50 seminars throughout the week. Early arrivers had an opportunity to go on local tours, take a steamboat ride on Canyon Lake, sample wine at the Olive Mill, compete in the golf scramble, and attend full-day maintenance workshops. Members could get their rigs washed, weighed and repaired, and their tanks cleaned.

The earliest arrivers included our Parking Committee led by Diane Tricomi and Peg Berger. These volunteers stayed on site from morning to night helping attendees find their campsites and get parked. Committee members even stayed past 9 o'clock one evening to help attendees who had been delayed due to a highway accident.

Lindy Loudin staffed our help desk from August 20 to the final day of convention. She and members of her committee answered questions and signed up the host of volunteers that made this convention a memorable experience for all. Over 1,500 hours were donated at this year's convention.

Geri Pries and Alta Jones attended their 20th convention and received commemorative mugs with photos showing all their convention tags. Karlene Field also received a thank you mug. Karlene is retiring as our vendor coordinator after serving for several years. Another mug was presented to Rachel Harp. Earlier in the week, Rachel announced that this would be her final year teaching the maintenance classes.

From our opening ceremony to the closing day, we honored our veterans, danced, sang, participated in a magic act, and learned lots of useful information. Fundraisers included a card draw with payouts of \$130 and \$260, a silent auction, prize raffles,

a bead throw with payout of \$500, three 50/50 drawings, and a surprise quilt auction. Betty Burnett and her talented

helpers completed the quilt during our convention week. They presented the completed product, representing all the RVW chapters, at our Saturday evening banquet. Linda Brown and Barbara Roeder donated a week at a condo in Hawaii that was also raffled off. Overall, our fundraisers netted \$6,834.50.

Thanks to all the committee chairs and volunteers that helped make this convention a success. We couldn't do it without you!

We hope to see you all next year in Goshen, Indiana. Our 2017 convention dates are October 17 to 22.

Linda Elliott, Convention Coordinator



photo: Deb Spence



photo: Yvonne Johnson



Having more fun? So tell someone!

When you help someone learn about this great organization for women who enjoy the RVing lifestyle, you also help yourself.

Every time a new member tells us you have referred her, you will receive a \$5 credit toward the following year's dues and your name will be entered in a six-month drawing. You could win \$50. If you recruit the most members this year, you could win \$100.

So tell your friends and those women you meet on the road all about RVW. Successful recruiters and prize winners will be identified in the RVW magazine and website.

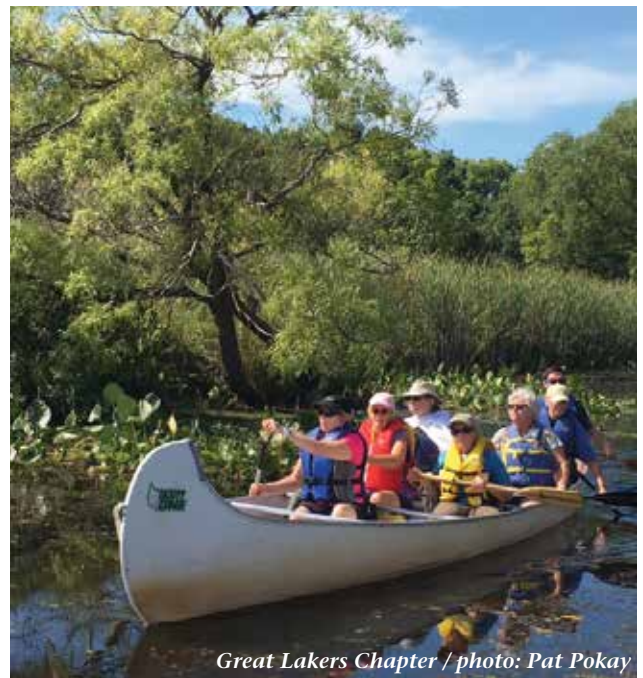
The chapter that was most successful in recruiting new members during the prior recruitment year (July through June) will be recognized at the RVW convention. A banner identifying the chapter and the year will be displayed. The chapter will receive the banner for use at rallies and events.



FreeWheeler's Chapter / photo: Mary Sue Ferrell



Ohio River Valley Chapter / photo: Shelly Haley



Great Lakers Chapter / photo: Pat Pokay



Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter / photo: Pat Brown

Here is how the program works:

- For each new member recruited, the recruiting member receives \$5 credit toward the following year's dues.
- Annually, the top two members recruiting the greatest number of new members will receive a cash award: \$100 for the top recruiter and \$75 for the runner-up. These awards will be split in case of a tie.
- A recruiting member will be entered into a six-month drawing for a \$50 cash award each time a member she has recruited joins RVW.

Tell your friends to mention your full name when they submit their applications for RVW membership. Credit is only recorded when a recruiting member is actually named on the new member's application.

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 is the annual term of the current RVW Recruitment Campaign.

Call the RVW office at 480-671-6226 or email rvwoffice@rvingwomen.org to request RVW brochures and new member application forms. Put your name on these materials and give them away to the women you meet.

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The FreeWheeler's Chapter gathered at the Vines RV Resort in November. The resort hosted a Friday evening wine tasting and also provided wood for nightly campfires. Other activities included visiting a farmer's market, going to the beach and checking out each other's RVs. / photos: Mary Sue Ferrell



Chapter News

FreeWheelers Chapter Paso Robles, California

November 10 to 13: Well, for hosting our first rally, this rally was a big hit. I don't know who had more fun, the participants or the hosts. There were 26 ladies in 17 rigs and one cottage in attendance. I am glad to say a good time was had by all.

The weekend started off with some early arrivals on Thursday night where some of us headed into San Luis Obispo for the widely-known SLO Farmers Market. There is produce like at any other farmers market but also so much more. This farmers market runs for about six blocks and offers all sorts of food and other wares. A few of us didn't even make it half a block before we were munching on ribs, linguica and garlic bread. Most of us topped off the experience with a cowboy cookie bowl filled with ice cream.

Friday evening, the resort put on a small wine tasting with a few vendors, and of course money did change hands for some very interesting drink mixes, pet toys and other items.

The rest of the weekend had folks going out to the beach and some of the small towns, from Morro Bay to San Simeon, and to the Hearst Castle for a tour. Of course there was a little wine tasting going on then as well. As always, the food and the camaraderie were great.

Every evening, we gathered around a beautiful fire on the deck by the clubhouse. Some just hung out at the rigs and relaxed, read or played some cards. The Vines RV Resort is a beautiful place and the staff was awesome. They made sure there was firewood available for us nightly and responded to any needs or requests that we had. They even have a bar with pool table, a heated pool and jacuzzi, and a beautiful clubhouse. Needless to say everyone found something to do.

I want to thank all that came for making Kathy's and my first outing as host a success. It was unanimous that the folks that came would like to do this event again, so watch the Freewheeler events for next year's date.—Michelle Gardner

Lyte Hearts Chapter Lanesboro, Minnesota

September 8 to 11: Ever wonder what it would take to make over a vintage trailer? Thanks to Luann Johnson, members of the Lyte Hearts Chapter now know this is not a project for the faint of heart. Luann and husband Larry bought their 1969 Field & Stream trailer in October 2015 and have been working on it for the last year. Luann's

slideshow presentation gave members the before, after and in-betweens of their nearly year-long project. Luann said their greatest instructor was the internet. Thank you, YouTube!

Fifty-six women attended the rally which began on Thursday evening with a meet and greet. Appetizers were eaten and many laughs were shared as everyone caught up on summer adventures and fall plans.



Saturday activities at the Lyte Hearts Chapter rally in September included a bike ride to Lanesboro. A community Taste of the Trail event provided the riders with sustenance. / photo: Sandy Ferris

We dodged rain on Friday with many taking a trip to the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa. Vesterheim says thanks to the Lyte Hearts Chapter and would like to invite us back to the gift shop next year! Others used the time on Friday to work on their coloring masterpieces in the picnic shelter.

Friday evening events were held indoors with the highlight being Luann's slideshow.



Activities at the Mid-America Chapter rally in August included a visit to the Franklin County Garage, the area's first Ford Dealership. / photo: Barb Schneider

Saturday morning started with seven riders biking to Lanesboro. The Taste of the Trail provided riders with the opportunity to sample food and view crafts from the area. The afternoon activity was an outing to the International Owl Center in Houston, Minnesota. If you want to know the difference between the call of a screech owl and a great horned, just ask a Lyte Heart!

The Hour of Charm on Friday evening started at 5:30 in the picnic shelter. We moved to the machine shed at 6:30 to vote for our favorite piece of coloring page art and enjoy a potluck. The night ended with bingo and a campfire.

Sunday morning, the hot water was boiling for omelets in a bag. Diners rehashed the weekend's events and said their goodbyes. This was another great rally in beautiful Lanesboro.—Lori Walker

**Lyte Hearts Chapter
Mid-America Chapter
Whittington, Illinois**

August 25 to 28: Members from the Mid-America and Lyte Hearts chapters bravely faced unusually hot temperatures to enjoy an August weekend at

Rend Lake in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park. Two rigs drove from Lexington, Kentucky for their first RVW rally. The outdoor games festival was abandoned due to the heat, but we were able to continue on with evenings in the air-conditioned confines of the Birdies and Windows restaurants. Some of us even rode our bicycles to dinner on Saturday evening (thanks to our support team for bringing us home after sunset).

Attendees took off on their own on Friday to enjoy the Illinois State Fair at Duquoin, the Jail Museum, and the Franklin County Garage, the area's first Ford Dealership. Others visited the sandy beaches of Rend Lake to do some bird watching and take some photos.—Barb Schneider

**Mid-America Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Ohio River Valley Chapter
Rockville, Indiana**

October 13 to 18: Members from the Mid-America, Ohio River Valley, and Mid-Atlantic chapters attended Indiana's largest festival. The streets were lined with a wide assortment of arts and crafts and food vendors offering local fare, everything from sugar cream pie to persimmon ice cream. Guided tours to local towns and to the



Members of the Mid-America, Mid-Atlantic and Ohio River Valley chapters came together in Rockville, Indiana in October to attend Indiana's largest festival, a celebration of the 31 covered bridges in Parke County. / photo: Barb Schneider

31 covered bridges in Parke County made for a very enjoyable event highlighted by spectacular fall colors.

Thanks to Arlene Thiel for hosting this rally.—Barb Schneider

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

November 11 to 14: Picture this: leaves changing colors, briskness in the air, farmer's equipment put away, cows looking for sun to lay in, and people and their rigs driving up or down Lincoln Highway to Old Mill Stream Campground for the last camping weekend of the year—well, the last one for most of us and the last Mid-Atlantic rally of the year.

We just described the scene in Lancaster, Pennsylvania when members of the Mid Atlantic Chapter gathered in November for a year-end rally.

Some people arrived Wednesday and helped our rally hosts Lee and Meg empty their rig and do some food shopping for the weekend. More arrived Thursday, just in time to go to Diener's Country Restaurant for an all-you-can-eat homemade dinner. Many walked out of there so full they didn't even think about dessert!

Some of us worker bees had to put in a full day's work Thursday and/or

Friday before we could head out and play with our friends. Once the work days were done, we all headed north or south and bam!—by Friday afternoon, that campground had filled up, a meet and greet had started (along with happy hour) and the rally had begun.

We had a nice campfire Thursday night after dinner. Many sat, talked and caught up, while others played cards in the pavilion. The campfire group was the welcome wagon for people coming in after the sun went down. It is always nice when you show up late to be welcomed like it was two o'clock in the afternoon. This RVW group makes everyone feel like they have arrived home wherever we may be for the weekend. After coming late and setting up rigs, people warmed up by the fire, received hugs and smiles, and settled in for a nice, long, relaxing weekend.

Friday morning happened to be Veteran's Day—and what is the best breakfast you should have on such a day? Creamed chipped beef—aka SOS for you military people who probably remember what that means, and I hope it brings you a smile. Lee makes the best creamed chipped beef around! Patti Burke waited about four years to be able to be at the campground Friday morning to partake. Her response during my interview? "It was well worth the wait!"

After breakfast, we had a free afternoon to do what we wanted. Some of us went outlet shopping, some went to the Amish furniture and bakery stores, and some just relaxed at the rigs and took afternoon naps. As the afternoon turned into evening, we all met at the pavilion around 5 p.m. and, after many hugs and smiles, we ate dinner together. There were many hors d'oeuvres and salads, along with homemade soups and sliced French bread. Warm soup on a brisk night really hit the spot! It was a yummy meal with good friends, good food and lots of fun.

After dinner, we had our first meeting of the weekend—the election of officers for 2017. It was unanimously voted for a second term for the following: Glenys Riley, president; Stephanie Crowley, vice president; Lee Ensor, secretary; Jeanne Houck, treasurer. Good luck to all and may 2017 be a great year for all of us under your reign.

Now that elections were done, we let the games begin! Three teams were formed, and they had three different tasks to complete:

1. Five minutes to build a nest for a raw egg to be dropped on from the ceiling without cracking. No eggs were harmed.
2. Identify the melted chocolate bar in those seven diapers. This was a hoot!
3. Charades. What a great and fun time was had by all participants and the audience!

We had Team Red, which included Shelly, Cookie, Pat L., Ellie and Maureen; Team White, which included Jeanne, Lura, Linda, Pat S. and Marty; and Team Blue, which included Nancy, Cindy, Patti, Wendy and Deb. Even though each team was very competitive and did their upmost best, Team Blue was the overall winner with the charade answer of *corn*. That, my friends, is too long a story to write here. You will need to come to one of our rallies to get the full story. I am sure many will be glad to elaborate.

Saturday morning came early and fast after a great night of fun and games, Saturday morning came early with a variety of continental breakfast items served at 9 a.m.

Saturday continued with a campfire that went on for 13 hours! Yes, sitting around a campfire never gets old. Dur-

ing these 13 hours, we had a Baggio (aka Corn Hole) competition, a hot dog roast where Kathy cooked about 80 hot dogs on a grill while others roasted theirs over the fire, rig christenings, an RV open House, and happy hour(s) all day long.

Once we let the fire burn out, we all got ready for the main attraction—Thanksgiving dinner for 60-plus



Attendees divided into three teams at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter rally in November to compete in accomplishing some unique assignments. / photos: Kathy Healy

people! Man, let me tell you, not only can these women work together and cook, we all can eat, too. Turkey, ham, stuffing, gravy, veggies, sauerkraut, potatoes and all the other stuff was scrump-dili-ious!

After dinner and cleanup, we had another informal meeting about upcoming events and rallies for 2017, and then we all played bingo. That was way too much fun, too!

Sunday came much too quickly for us worker bees. A pancakes and egg casseroles breakfast was followed up by a group picture.

Many of us then went off to our rigs to pick up, pack up and winterize and prepare for the long ride home. A few of us had the opportunity to stay through Monday.

We had 67 members attend this rally. Seven of those members joined the group in September of this year. We also had four weekend guests and six that came to visit just to check us out. We hope each of our guests felt at home and will consider joining our group.

We had a wonderful camping season this year with temperatures that went from 30 degrees all the way up to 100-plus degrees. We had sun and rain. We sat around campfires telling stories or singing with guitar. We swam in pools and lakes. We ate really, really good food—and through all of this, we made lifelong friends because of RVW.—*Kathy Healy*

Northeast Network Littleton, New Hampshire

September 30 to October 2: Over 40 RVW members and two guests invaded the Crazy Horse Campground for a three-day rally that included the network's annual meeting.

Hostesses Cathy Biliouris and Cindy Zwicker offered up a very enthusiastic and fun weekend.

Friday evening began with a meet and greet dinner of deli sandwiches, salads and dessert provided by the network board. After dinner, President Sandie Bock called our annual meeting to order. Board and committee members gave their reports and discussion continued on a number of agenda items. Our meeting was followed by a wonderful bonfire provided by the campground owners. Ladies sat around and visited, laughed and shared.

Cathy and Cindy manned the grill Saturday morning and produced delicious French toast offered up with various fruit, yogurts, pastries, coffee and juices. It was a nippy morning and breakfast really hit the spot!

In the afternoon, 30-plus women boarded the Cog Railway for a trip up the steep slopes of Mount Washington to the summit (6,288 feet upward). The ride up allowed for a beautiful view of fall foliage and surrounding mountains. On our way up the slope, we ran into clouds and stayed in them all the way to the summit. Once atop the

summit, we gathered for a picture and then wandered around the guest center at the summit, which also houses the Mount Washington Observatory, a nonprofit research and educational institution working to advance understanding of the earth's weather and climate. The ride back down the mountain was spectacular (once we left the clouds behind). The countryside opened up to the bright colors of fall.

We finished out the evening with our famous potluck dinner and another great bonfire.

Sunday morning offered another delicious breakfast from Cathy and Cindy, laughter, friendship and a drawing for the door prize from the owners of the campground. Later in the morning, rigs were prepared for the travel home or to the next stop.

Northeast Network members give a huge applause to new members Cathy and Cindy for taking on this rally. They did a great job. They will host a rally at this same campground next September.—*Rayleen Stubbs*

Oregon Chapter Canyonville, Oregon

October 14 to 17: Well, we started our camping season in the rain and wind and ended it in the rain and wind with predictions of the remnants of Typhoon Songda hitting the northwest and bringing with it lots of rain and wind. Several of the ladies cancelled at

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Northeast Network member boarded the Cog Railway in November for a trip up the steep slopes of Mount Washington. / photo: Rayleen Stubbs

the last minute because of the weather predictions, but a hardy group of 21 broke out the rain gear and showed up in their rigs for the weekend. We also had seven gals who lived nearby

or were traveling through stop in for a meal and some conversation. As it turned out, the typhoon made land-fall quite a bit farther to the north, so Oregon at least was spared the 100-

mph winds that had been predicted. But boy, did it rain!

Whenever we had a brief respite from the rain, everyone in the park got out with their dogs, giving them a little exercise and a potty break before the skies opened up once again.

We gathered for our usual potlucks, undeterred by the rain, and enjoyed playing games and tackling a puzzle as we usually do at our rallies. There is not much to do in Canyonville other than to go to the Seven Feathers Casino, but a number of ladies availed themselves of that and quite a few came back with smiles on their faces.

Saturday morning, we had a guest speaker, Keri Guthrie, who is a specialist in senior insurance. With the Medicare open enrollment period just getting under way, her talk was timely and very informative.

Sunday evening, instead of going out to dinner, we got several bake-yourself pizzas and ate leftovers from the other two nights. No one went away hungry.

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Dog walks, fishing and music provided by a university bagpipe band kept attendees entertained at the SoCALjourners rally at Rancho Jurupa Park. / photos: Diane Saurenman

Monday morning dawned with the skies a little lighter than they had been all weekend, giving us a chance to hook up and say our goodbyes without getting drenched. The next time we will all get together again will be in March. In the meantime, we wish all our RVing sisters safe travels.—*June Willoughby*

**SoCALjourners Chapter
Riverside, California**

November 10 to 13: Twenty-five campers enjoyed the warm daytime weather at Rancho Jurupa Park over the Veterans Day weekend. The evenings were cool. We appreciated a group campfire during our meet and greet Friday night event and again at our baked potato dinner on Saturday evening. The group was a mixture of veteran members and first-time attendees. This was a KISS (Keep It Simple SoCALjourners) rally so the schedule was very relaxed and allowed for lots of group chat time. A badminton net was set up, and several of our members enjoyed playing Saturday. Dog walking was done in small groups. Two stocked lakes were available for those who wished to fish or just walk around. Ducks and egrets were plentiful. Other walking paths provided borders of flowers and trees in their fall dress.

Camping close to us were several members of the University of California, Riverside bagpipe band. They were

there to perform for a Veteran's Day event at the nearby Flabob Airport. We were fortunate to have one of the members give us a mini concert at our gathering site. We were impressed by his piping as well as his authentic Scot outfit. The officially registered tartan was in the colors of the university.

Debbie Head and Dianne Saurenman hosted the event.—*Dianne Saurenman*

**Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter
Rockport, Texas**

September 16 to 18: What a great time was had by all at the "Hummer of a Weekend" rally hosted by Marlene Morneau, Sheryl Cowey, Vicki Albrecht and Barbara Reznek at the Wilderness Oaks RV Resort. Among the group attending were several new members to the Texas Ramblin' Roses, including two returning founders of the chapter. Welcome new members!

The Wilderness Oaks RV Resort staff was wonderful, welcoming us, easing us all into our respective sites and making sure that we had everything we needed. For those of us with backing-up phobias, the two men who guided us to our sites also gently guided us into our back-in sites: "Make a hard right/left turn, back slowly, straighten up," etc. They made the backing up experience, umm, delightful? Tolerable? Everyone with trailers was perfectly aligned after they finished with us and



Saturday's potluck dinner was followed by rig christening at the Texas Ramblin' Roses rally in Rockport. / photo: Pat Brown

we (well, maybe not everyone) were not the least bit frazzled. In addition, the Wilderness Oaks group made a goody bag for each rig, cabin or motel room filled with koozies, stylus pens, candy, money to play a game of pool, even pet treats. They also made welcome signs scattered throughout the RV park. We were royally welcomed. Wilderness Oaks is a lovely, well-equipped RV park, a place to call home for a weekend, if not longer.

It was a hot weekend with awful humidity. Those of us who arrived in the heat of the afternoon almost had heat stroke from setting up our rigs. The cool of the rally room was a welcome relief and made one reluctant to venture out. But, we had to go to see the hummingbirds and they were not in the A/C! Heat? So what! It's Texas! We went off to see hummingbirds and whatever else Rockport had to offer.

A few words about the Hummingbird Festival. September is the month when the ruby-throated hummingbirds migrate from their summer breeding grounds in the northern U.S. and Canada to southern Mexico and Central America where they winter. For some birds, the journey can be 2,000 to 3,000 miles, often over the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico. They stop along the Texas coast to rest and feed. Plain sugar water (one part sugar to four parts water and no red dye) helps them recover some of the energy lost on their long flight. In addition, having plenty of flowering plants in one's yard provides nectar and small insects for them to feed on. The homes we visited on a private home tour were landscaped with an abundance of plants with

tubular flowers and multiple feeders. The owners keep the feeders full and clean them often. One lady takes hers down every evening and scrubs them, then fills them the next morning. At another home, the hummers (maybe 50 to 100 birds) were swarming the feeders. They feed throughout the day, but are most active at the feeders in the early morning and late evening, right before the sun sets. Banding birds is only done by specially trained and permitted individuals. There are about 150 banders in the U.S. The bander collects all kinds of information about the bird and sends that information to the federal Bird Banding Laboratory (www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl). The Hummingbird Festival provides visitors with a chance to visit private homes and see the birds up close and personal and hear the experts talk about hummers as well as other bird species.

No festival is complete without having stuff to buy and food to eat. According to the reports from our members and guests, it was a great time and most of us left with less money.

After gadding about Friday doing our own things or visiting in the rally room, about 30 women gathered at Los Comales restaurant for a meal of very good Mexican food. We had one lone young woman as our waiter, so everything took a little longer and the hungry among us were grumbling and visiting and eating chips and salsa. But that young woman knew everyone's order and when it was time for the bills to be passed out, she would shuffle through the stack of bills and hand you yours—30 different orders and no mistakes, pretty remarkable. We ended

the evening scattering to our respective rigs or visiting in the rally room until about 11 p.m.

The Saturday evening gathering began with announcements and a potluck dinner followed by the rig christening. No one went away hungry. Two long tables were covered with wonderful dishes and salads and desserts. When it was all over, most everyone was trying to give away some of their leftovers. Many refrigerators ended up with more food than they came with.

The rig anointing was quite fun. It is always interesting to hear the relationship between the rig and its owner and some very colorful names. The 50/50 raffle was the much-anticipated end to the evening. Many, many thank you's to everyone for your generosity.

The diehards among us spent the rest of that evening visiting. A few played wicked games of Mexican Train.

The rally ended Sunday morning with coffee and a bagged breakfast, lots of last minute visiting and many hugs.—*Donna Campbell*





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Down on the Farm



Wisconsin is so thoroughly an agricultural state that the design of its official state quarter features a Holstein cow, an ear of corn and a wheel of cheese. The state license plate features the slogan *America's Dairyland*.

article and photos by Kathe McCleave

Wisconsin produces a quarter of the nation's supply of butter and of cheese. It is second only to California in milk production, and it leads the nation in the production of silage corn, cranberries, ginseng and snap beans. It is also high on any list of the producers of potatoes, sweet corn, carrots, tart cherries, oats and even, believe it, maple syrup.

To proudly proclaim and celebrate this heritage, almost 600 acres in the Kettle Moraine State Forest, located near Eagle, Wisconsin, in the southeast corner of the state, was set aside to create a hands-on, open-air museum called Old World Wisconsin. It is the largest outdoor museum of rural life anywhere in the United States. But don't let the word museum dissuade you from stopping and exploring here.



Old World Wisconsin contains over 60 historic rural buildings moved here from other parts of the state.

There is nothing musty or tedious about this place. It celebrates the 19th century immigrant heritage of Wisconsin's rural life and is laid out in a series of working farmsteads containing over 60 historic farm and other rural buildings carefully moved here from other parts of the state.

After leaving the admissions center, visitors spend the day, and sometimes more if so inclined, visiting a Crossroads Village, replete with church, wagon shop, blacksmith shop, general store, cobbler's shop, homes and an inn. Further along, a Scandinavian area features farm homes, barns and buildings actually moved here from Danish, Finnish and Norwegian communities in the state. Next to that is a German area, and then an African-American area that features a small chapel, larger church and cemeteries.

Of course, scattered as these areas are over 600 acres, it is a fur piece of walking for the hardy, but you do travel along re-created typical country roads bordered by planted fields, meadows, pastures, and woodlands. Or else, to save energy for the actual visiting and hands-on activities available in all these shops, homes and commercial establishments, most people ride the trams. Frequent trams run all day long—there are at least 16 places to catch or exit them—and the drivers have been known to stop almost anywhere along the way for the weary hitchhiker. The trams are included in admission and quite welcome when you come to what is described as “gently rolling hills” that don't feel all that gentle after a day of

exploring, especially when it is hot or rainy or blustery and you are going uphill.

Almost every building is hosted by interpreters wearing authentic costumes and using the tools and speech of the era. And almost all of them offer visitors of all ages a chance to participate in whatever happens to be going on. Farm activities, after all, change as the season changes, so some days you may be planting, others weeding or harvesting. The blacksmith can always use sturdy hands to work his bellows, and the schoolteacher will sit you right down and include you in whatever lesson she is teaching that day. At the church, you may catch part of a service or join a sing-a-long, and the farmwife will welcome your help to stir the stew, churn the butter, or scrub the clothes on the washboard. For these are working farms and communities, and there is always something going on and someone available to explain it to you no matter which corner of Old World Wisconsin you find yourself in.

And when the chores are done for the day, at least for you, you can wend your way back to the admissions area, where you'll find the museum store and—across the way in the round—the red Clausen Barn, a small cafe for refreshments. Here you'll find food and beverages, including a cold beer, if you've worked up a thirst. You can sit and relax and relive your day—oh, probably 'til the cows come home—unless, of course, you'd rather still be out there on the back forty somewhere.

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Time to Update!

We will be getting ready soon to print the 2017 RVW Membership Directory. Please take time now to update your RVW profile with your correct address, email and phone numbers.

January 17 is the deadline for making changes to the directory.



Updating your profile is easy.

Log in to our website at www.rvingwomen.org, go to *My Profile*, select *Manage Profile*, select *Edit Bio* and make your changes. When done, be sure to select *Save Changes* at the bottom of the page.

Check your listing now! Go to www.rvingwomen.org to open your profile and make any changes necessary.

If you need assistance, call the RVW office at 480-671-6226. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arizona time.

Tuesday, January 17 is the deadline for making changes to the new RVW Membership Directory.

Information will be pulled from the website database on January 17.

If you regularly update your profile while you are traveling so that your magazine can follow you but you want the directory to be printed with your permanent address, not to worry—you can change your profile back anytime after January 17. The mailing list for the next magazine will reflect information entered after January 17.

Tips from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Every year in February, we meet for lunch to catch up with each other and make plans for our camping season. Here are some things that we, as a group, have learned and talked about to get the season started on the right foot.

Have your oil changed before heading out for the first trip after it has been sitting in storage or your driveway for a bit. Help keep the engine healthy.

If your rig sits for a few months, go out at least once a month to start it. Let it run for a bit to keep things moving and lubricated. Also start the generator. It could use a little time running too.

Cover your tires when your rig is not in use. This helps keep the sun off of them and slows down the drying out and cracking of the tires.

When purchasing new tires for your rig, even though they cost a little more, order American-made. Tires made in China, Taiwan, and Japan don't last as long and have a higher blow out percentage than the American-made tires.

Now that you've taken care of your baby over the long winter, it's time to hit the road, meet old friends, make new friends, and see the wonderful sites of our great USA. While on the road, we have a few black tank tips for you also.

While camping, keep the black water tank closed until almost full or you are ready to pull out. Drain the black tank, rinse, and drain again. Once black water is drained and rinsed, open the grey water tank(s). This helps clean the hoses so you can put them away.

Do not put any toilet paper in the black tank, even if it's biodegradable. It can still cause clogs. Yes, this is experience talking! We now put a trashcan in the bathroom and use it only for used toilet paper, then throw away the bag.

After you empty the black tank and close it off, run a little water back in it. I usually count to 26 or say the ABCs. Once done, I put in a deodorizer tab in the tank to mix with the little bit of the water just put in. It helps keep the tank smelling a little better and as you drive down the road the water splashes and helps clean the walls.

And when you are out there traveling, if you are in the Mid-Atlantic region, look us up and join us for one of our fun rallies. We look forward to seeing you!

Kathy Healy, Mid-Atlantic Chapter

How to Care For Your Magne Shade

Several RVW members purchased Magna Shades for their RVs at Convention 2016 in Mesa, Arizona. We checked with Roger Hunckler and Pat Hennelly at Magne Shades for their recommendation on how to best fold and store Magne Shades.

Storing

When storing your Magne Shades, remember to never fold them. Folding will create points in the fabric that will stretch the polyester fabric and PVC coating, creating a checkerboard effect that will not come out.

We recommend rolling the shades width wise, starting with the width of the side pockets and with the exterior fabric always showing to the outside. In other words, roll it in. As you roll it, the top magnets will attach to each other. The shade will end up more flat and roughly 10 to 12 inches wide. Storing this way keeps the magnets aligned during storage and eliminates the possibility of a magnet rotating in the pocket, which would cause the magnet in the shade to reject the magnet behind the windshield.

Some folks use a noodle for storing the shades. This will also work, but when a noodle is used there is a better chance of a magnet rotating or flipping in the pocket. The powerful magnets will always try to align with one another when in close proximity.

If a magnet does flip, it can be manipulated in the pocket to flip it back over.

Cleaning

Keep your shades clean by occasionally washing front and back with a mild detergent and a soft cloth or brush, Simple Green works very well. Also, wipe the back of the pockets with a damp cloth in between cleanings to remove dust or bugs that may have collected. A clean shade will hug the glass much better.

There is always someone available at the Magne Shade facility in North Carolina to help you. If you have any questions, call 336-753-0905 or email info@magneshade.com.

Needs Checklist Reminder

In an earlier issue of this magazine, you discussed some of the maintenance items that need to be taken care of on an annual basis. I recently purchased an RV and would appreciate seeing this checklist again.

Thank you for this reminder. It has been four years since we discussed what should be on your regular maintenance checklist. Finding a service provider you trust and taking care of these items on a regular basis will avoid a lot of problems that you don't want to experience on the road. As always, the intent is to ensure that we keep our travels safe, fun and enjoyable.

As in the previous column, we will focus first on service reminders for the house or coach. When we say house or coach, we mean all the items we associate with our comfort once our rigs are parked—in other words, the walls, the roof, and all the stuff inside. The maintenance required is basically the same for all RVs—travel trailers, fifth wheels and motorhomes.

Next we will focus on tires, engine and drive train maintenance. If you are towing a travel trailer or fifth wheel, use this reminder to schedule maintenance for your towing vehicle.

Annual Coach Service Reminders

- Wax the exterior.
- Clean and wax fiberglass roofs annually. Clean and treat other roofs as suggested by the manufacturer.
- Remove loose caulking on the roof and install new caulking as needed.
- Service the roof-mounted air conditioner units. This thorough cleaning will rid the condensing units of restrictions and sanitize the evaporator with disinfectant and deodorizer.
- Service all the appliances. The refrigerator, furnace, stove, water heater and water pump all have filters or devices that need to be cleaned, inspected and recalibrated.
- The water heater needs a complete flush annually. In our shop, we also install a new anode rod and thermal cut off.
- Pressure test the LP or propane gas system. We want to make sure there are no leaks.
- Inspect and replace any out-of-date alarms and detectors. Most are only good for four years.
- Have the black and gray tanks drained and cleaned thoroughly.
- Drain the fresh water tank and treat as needed.
- Adjust, repair and clean all hinges, locks, latches and door struts.
- Service and lube the leveling jacks.
- Service and lube the slides and seals and inspect for correct operation.

Annual Engine and Drive Train Reminders

- Service the engine, lube the chassis and change the oil and all filters.
- Inspect park brake for condition and adjustment.
- Inspect all tires for age, condition, tread depth and tire pressures.
- Clean and service the engine and house batteries and the mounting tray. Both the engine and house batteries should be good for three to five years.
- Inspect and repair all turn, stop, brake and tail lights.
- Inspect the hitch and connections used for towing.

Additional Maintenance Reminders

- At year 2, remove brake fluid, flush the system and install new fluid.
- At year 4, service the transmission and cooling system.
- At year 6, service the front bearings, rear differential oil and power steering fluid.
- At year 7, install new tires (sooner if you put on a lot of miles or deal with hot sun).
- At year 8, start all over again.

We offer a free 21-point visual inspection that identifies the maintenance and safety items needing regular service. A copy of this checklist is printed here to serve as a guide for you and your service provider. I hope this helps as you plan for your safe and happy travels.

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VISUAL INSPECTION

Work Order # _____ Work Order Date: _____ Technician: _____
Customer: _____ Phone # _____
Mileage: _____ Eng #: _____ VIN# _____

1. VISUAL TIRE INSPECTION:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Tire Size: _____ Load Range: _____ Oldest Visible Date Code (s): _____

Cuts Sidewall Cracking Irregular Tread Wear Valve Stems/Extensions

2. ADJUST TIRE INFLATION PSI TO VEHICLE or TIRE MANUFACTURER GUIDELINES:

Front Axle: _____ Rear Axle: _____ Tag Axle: _____

3. VISUALLY INSPECT ALL FLUID LEVELS - CHECK FOR FLUID LEAKS:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

4. VISUALLY INSPECT AIR AND HYDRAULIC BRAKE SYSTEM:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Visually inspect HYDRAULIC and AIR brake systems for any issues with wear, usage, brake hoses, lines or fluid.

Test HYDRAULIC brake pedal height with engine running. Test AIR brake system slack adjuster travel, maximum allowed is 3/4". Visually inspect AIR DRIER and filter for signs of recent service, condition and leaks. Document estimated lining or pad remaining if visible: _____ %

Apply Parking brake to make sure it holds.

5. VISUALLY INSPECT EXTERIOR GLASS:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Check windshields, wipers, mirrors, windows and seals. Check for chips, cracks, fogging, poor seal and signs of leakage. Check operation and label of emergency exit.

6. VISUALLY INSPECT ROOF:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Check for damage or cracking of fiberglass or rubber surface, damaged AC covers, vent covers or skylights. Visually inspect for open seams and cracked or missing caulking.

7. VISUALLY INSPECT EXTERIOR LIGHTS:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Check for any lens, light or reflector that is not working, faded/fogged, broken or missing.

8. VISUALLY INSPECT COACH EXTERIOR:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Document any and all visible paint or body damage.

9. VISUALLY INSPECT ENGINE AND ENGINE AREA:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Check for any visible and obvious issues with exhaust, belts, hoses, wires, etc.

10. VISUALLY INSPECT BATTERIES & BATTERY COMPARTMENT:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Battery voltage: _____ Check for any issues with corrosion, tray condition or mounting.

11. VISUALLY INSPECT CHASSIS AND SUSPENSION COMPONENTS:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Include shocks, sway bars, bushings etc.

12. VISUALLY INSPECT APPLIANCES - RECOMMEND SERVICES:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Refrigerator Stove Hot Water Heater Gas Furnace AC

13. VISUALLY INSPECT GENERATOR:

ANY ISSUES? Yes No

Hours: _____ Start and Run Generator. Look for any leaks.

NOTE: USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ISSUES, COMMENTS, RECOMMENDED SERVICES AND UPGRADES

Keith Shomaker will lead a Q & A seminar at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19 at the RVW boondocking rally in Quartzsite, Arizona. Keith is co-owner of Redlands Truck and RV Performance Center in Redlands, California and has presented at several RVW rallies and conventions.

Technicians from Redlands Truck and RV Performance Center will be available at Quartzsite to conduct a free 21-point inspection of your RV. To make an appointment for this inspection, send an email to Keith at keith@redlandstruckservice.com.

Questions submitted for this column are published anonymously, so don't be shy! Put Tech Time in the subject line and send any questions you have regarding your RV coach, engine or mechanical systems to rvweditor@rvingwomen.org or to RVW Tech Time, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117.

See page 52 for descriptions of these events

JULY 2017	13-16	Berrien Springs, Michigan	Great Lakers Chapter Ohio River Valley Chapter
	14-16	Old Mystic, Connecticut	Northeast Network
	20-23	Gunnison, Colorado	Rocky Mountain Chapter
	21-23	Woodbine, Maryland	Great Lakers Chapter

AUGUST 2017	4-7	Interlochen, Michigan	Great Lakers Chapter
	18-21	Dubois, Wyoming	Rocky Mountain Chapter

SEPTEMBER 2017	14-17	Madison, Indiana	Ohio River Valley Chapter
	29-Oct 1	Littleton, New Hampshire	Northeast Network

OCTOBER 2017	17-22	Goshen, Indiana	RVW National Convention
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NOVEMBER 2017	1-5	Summerfield, Florida	Florida Chapter
	9-12	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Mid-Atlantic Chapter

DECEMBER 2017	7-10	Santa Rosa Beach, Florida	Florida Chapter
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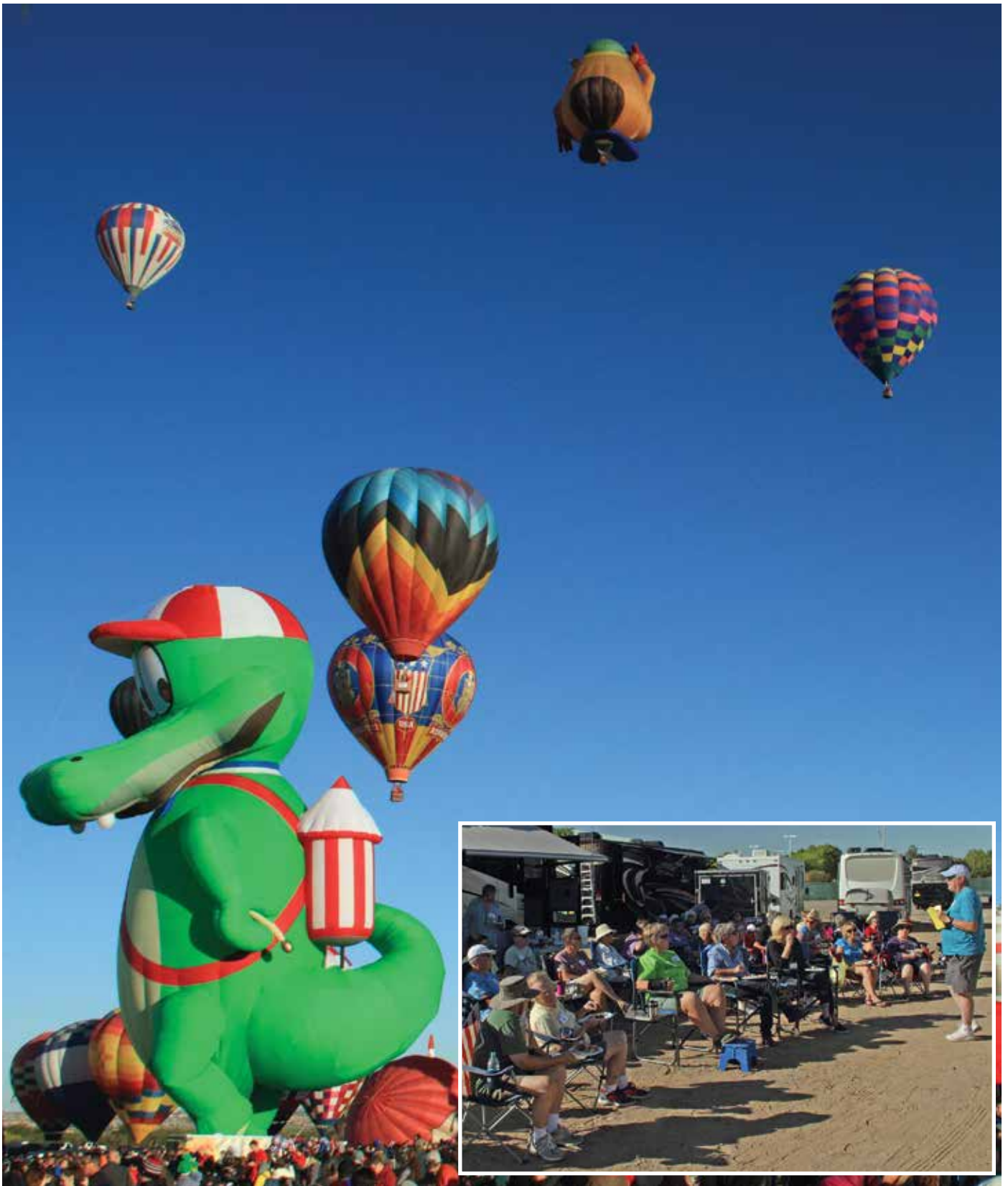
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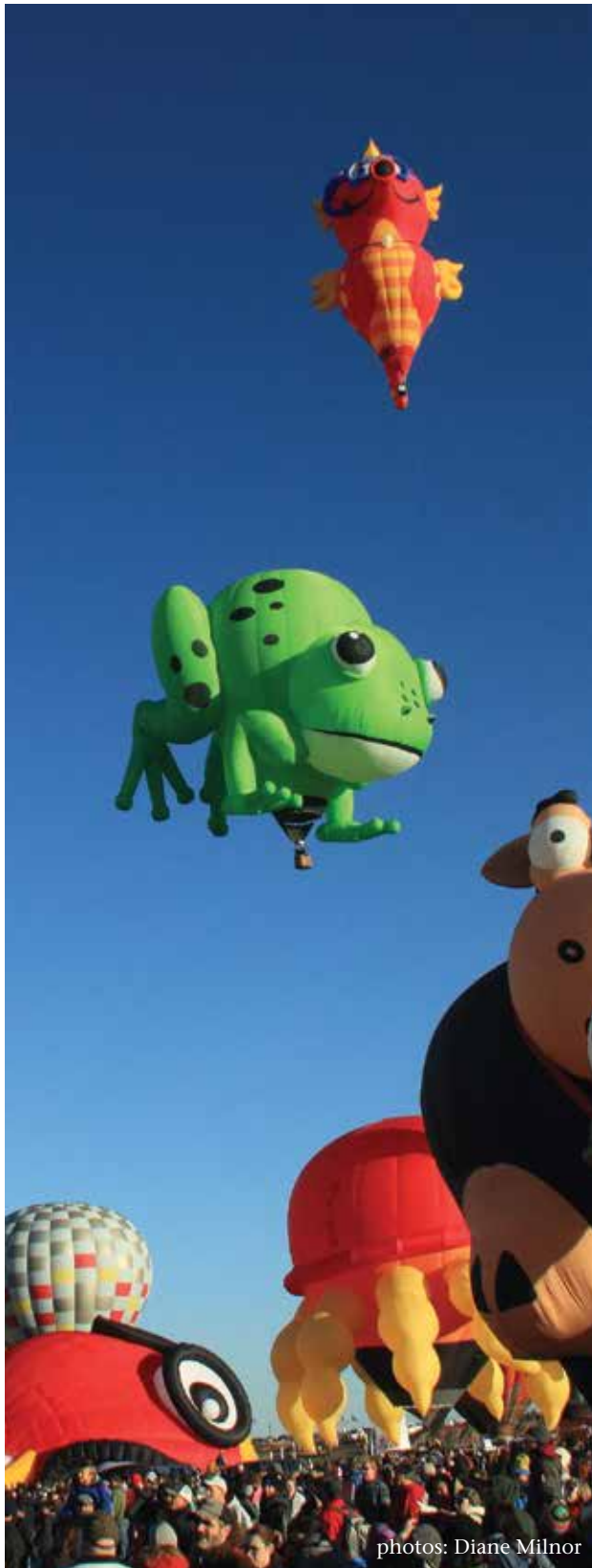
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If you need help updating your address, call the RVW office at 480-671-6226. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday (Arizona time).

RVW 2016 Balloon Fiesta



Report



photos: Diane Milnor

A successful and very exciting national event was held October 6 to 10 at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Fifty RVW members from sixteen states met and enjoyed the event together. Weather was a bit of an issue as high winds threatened to cancel all launches. The weather was warmer than normal, and that leads to earlier and increased winds. We were truly fortunate that some balloons went up every morning of our stay.

RVW attendees met Thursday afternoon for a briefing on the event and how-to hints about dry camping as there were zero services on our small pieces of desert that were blocked off in rally-style RV sites. Many members had never dry camped before. They received lots of free advice on how to manage generators, electrical systems and more. Hands on assistance was given to some of the gals who were encountering issues. Special thanks goes to Lori Youngs of Cascadia for her cheerful assistance and troubleshooting on RV issues for dry camping.

Friday morning 6 a.m. found many of us meeting up to take the bus shuttles to the field. We watched hot air balloons being unpacked, inflated and then launched into the clear blue skies. We were there with many thousands of excited launch participants and observers. Once the launches were over, we gave our attention to the many foods to try, souvenirs to buy and scouting out the balloon field.

Every evening but Sunday, there were laser shows and balloon glowdeos (balloons tethered to the ground with burners lighting them up in spectacular displays). Nightly fireworks displays finished off our days. The fireworks could be seen from right where we were camped. Many of us simply stood outside and watched. Others returned to the balloon field for an up-close vantage point.

The RVW space was located in rows 2 to 4, close to Alameda Avenue. This location gave us birds-eye views as some balloons literally flew over us every morning as they launched. Some also landed just behind us in a large open field. Picture taking opportunities both on the field and off were amazing.

We had a final group gathering on Sunday afternoon, a dinner catered ala Costco and supplemented with other items. There was plenty of food to go around, and no one left hungry. We all shared stories of our adventures and used this last chance opportunity to exchange contact information. A drawing was held for some RV stuff and other goodies.

Several of our gals took bucket list rides into the sky in hot air balloons on Monday morning. At least one of the balloons did the "Albuquerque Box" where balloons launch in one direction and find winds that takes them around the perimeter of an imaginary huge box to land exactly where they began. They landed literally within feet of their launch point. They had an amazing ride. Some of us preferred having a good time taking pictures from the ground.

By 11 a.m. Monday, everyone headed out from the Fiesta Park. Many traveled west to the RVW convention in Mesa, Arizona. Some had a reunion of sorts in Mesa, looking for those familiar faces and spending more good time together.

If you have not yet done the Balloon Fiesta, it is truly an amazing sight to see. While we did not get to see a true mass ascension of 300-plus balloons, we felt very fortunate to see balloons launch every day. Watch for the next RVW Balloon Fiesta event and sign up for this once in a lifetime event!

Looking for adventure?

Get yourself ready to go on the road.



photo: Dianne Walker

Sign up now for this RVW Driving School!

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April 22 and 23, 2017

What you will learn: Working with certified instructors and using a state-of-the-art three-mile driving range, you will practice backing, lane changes and other skill maneuvers and learn how to use your mirrors effectively. Classroom instruction will augment the hands-on driver training you receive.

Instruction will also include pre-trip vehicle inspection, space and speed management, map reading, trip planning and tips to avoid driver fatigue.

Each student must provide her own RV. All types of RVs are welcome, including travel trailers, fifth wheels, Class A, B or C motorhomes, conversion vans and truck campers.

Where: Instruction will be provided from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Central Tech Transportation and Safety Education Division of Central Technology Center, a nationally accredited driving school located 45 miles west of Tulsa at 3 CT Circle, Drumright, OK 74030. The Technology Center is a multi-campus facility serving over 2,000 adult students each year. The paved driving range includes traffic signals, railroad crossings and skill practice areas.

Class size: To keep instruction individualized, enrollment in this two-day class will be limited to a maximum of 14 rigs and drivers. A minimum of 6 rigs and drivers is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Rally leader: Larry Ann Holley is the RVW host for this event. Larry Ann formerly served as the assistant superintendent of the Technology Center Vocational School and supervised the truck driver training program.

Camping: Boondocking on the campus will be available.

Registration fee: The fee for this two-day program is \$325 per student for RVW members signing at least 30 days in advance; for members signing less than 30 days in advance, the fee is \$345. The fee for non-members is \$375. Please register early. Class size is limited.

How to register: Register online at www.rvingwomen.org or use the registration form on page 51. Mail or fax this form with payment of the registration fee to RVW, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117-4074. Fax to 480-671-6230 with credit card payment.

Registration deadline: To participate in the RVW Driving School to be held April 22 to 23, the registration fee must be received at the RVW office or online by March 22. For reservations after this date, call Monica Lindmark at the RVW office at 480-671-6226 regarding space availability.

Terms and cancellations: All fees are payable in U.S. funds. The registration fee is fully refundable (minus a \$25 fee) for cancellations received by the RVW office on or before March 22, 2017. Cancellations after March 22 but on or before April 3 will receive a 50 percent refund of fees paid. There are no refunds for cancellations after April 3, 2017.

**Register today!
Enrollment is limited
to 14 rigs and drivers.**



Registration Form for RVW National Events

Use this form or go to www.rvingwomen.org to register online for national RVW events. Please make a copy for your files.

Fill in the information and mail this form to RVW, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117 or fax to 480-671-6230 with credit card information. Include all fees that are payable to RVing Women. Please make a separate copy of this form if you wish to sign up for more than one event.

EVENT NAME _____		
EVENT DATES _____		
Registration Fee	\$_____ per person	TOTAL \$ _____
Non-Member Fee	\$_____ per person	TOTAL \$ _____
Campground Fee	\$_____ (if applicable)	TOTAL \$ _____
		TOTAL FEES \$ _____
Check the event description to verify amount due for registration fees.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check or M/O enclosed (payable to RVW)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge to my credit card (VISA/ MasterCard)		
Card Number _____		
Expiration Date _____ V Code* _____		
Signature _____		
*3-digit number on the back of the card near the signature area		

Waiver and Release: In consideration of the acceptance of my registration request and/or participation in the event noted here (including optional side trips) operated by or under the control of RVing Women, and knowing that there are risks in any form of travel, I assume all risks attendant thereto and hereby waive, release, and forever discharge RVing Women, and any of its officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns, from any and all claims or actions of any kind for personal injuries and/or property damage which I may cause or sustain during the event or during travel to and from the event. I agree to pay any and all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may be incurred by the above entities as a result of any such claim by me or my agents. I hereby acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my personal safety, possessions, equipment and vehicles during this event and its related activities. This waiver and release is to be controlled by Arizona law.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

NAME OF ATTENDEE _____ RVW MEMBER Yes No

NAME OF ATTENDEE _____ RVW MEMBER Yes No

RV TYPE: MH TRL 5W VAN CPR TNT LENGTH _____ # SLIDES _____ Check here if you do not need a campsite.

Bringing a tow car? Yes _____ No _____ Can it be used to carpool? Yes _____ ADA accommodations required

COMMENTS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

CONFIRMATION (Confirmations are emailed unless you request otherwise.)

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP _____

TERMS AND CANCELLATIONS: All fees are payable in U.S. funds. Cancellation requirements are listed with event descriptions.

If you have signed up for an activity and must cancel, please call the event leader as soon as possible so the appropriate parties can be notified, then follow up with a letter or email message to the RVW office to confirm your cancellation. Tour provider, campground, instructor and caterer/restaurant refund policies vary. We may not be able to refund these fees. Often, because of minimum guarantees, these providers must be paid regardless of your participation. **No shows always are non-refundable.**

Please remember, RVW activities are for adult women only, ages 18 and older.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As an RVW member, you are welcome to participate in chapter and national events wherever you go. Space may be limited, so make reservations as far in advance as possible. Please remember that RVW events are exclusively for women ages 18 and over. Updates to this calendar are published online at www.rvingwomen.org.

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5-8 *FreeWheeler's Chapter: Vacaville, California.* Vineyard RV Park. Since we all will be recovering from a busy holiday season, the agenda for this rally will be light.

Daytime activities, weather dependent, may include washer toss, movies, board games, sight-seeing, a possible roundtable discussion, discovering eating opportunities within seven miles and visiting nearby attractions including the Jelly Belly Factory Tour, Camping World, Old Town Vacaville, Old Town Winters, Budweiser Tour, and shopping factory outlets. Our usual potlucks will apply. An agenda will be sent to all those who register. More specific information will be published on the FreeWheeler's website at www.rvwfree-wheelers.org

Register online at www.rvwfreewheelers.org or download our newsletter and use the form at the end of the newsletter. The registration deadline for this rally was December 12. Registration was limited to the first 50 people (not rigs) due to the size of the clubhouse.

Campsites are \$41/night plus \$1 per dog per night. These are full hookup sites with water/electric/sewer. Cancellations will be charged one night (\$41) per site if cancelled less than two weeks before the date of arrival. Your reservation will be confirmed via email when we receive your registration form and check. Please mail your check made out to Mary Sue Ferrell, 1300 57th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

Vineyard RV Park is located at 4985 Midway Road, Vacaville, CA 95688. More information is available at www.vineyardrvpark.com. The phone number for the park is 866-447-8797.

Mary Sue Ferrell and Irene Paulin are the rally hosts for this event. For more information, email ferrellms@gmail.com.

11-15 *Florida Chapter: Jacksonville, Florida.* Flamingo Lake RV Resort. For reservations, call the resort at 904-766-0672, and be sure to mention that you are with RVW. The cancellation policy is strictly observed. Flamingo Lake RV Resort is located at 3640 Newcomb Road, Jacksonville, Florida.

Michele Gruccio and Gypsy Gaeta are the rally hosts for this event. For rally information, email mgruccio01@bellsouth.net.

After you have made reservations, please use the online RSVP to let us know you are participating.

19-23 *Fulltimers Chapter: Quartzsite, Arizona.* Mile Marker 99. Join members from all across the country for our annual RVW boondocking rally. As in past years, this event is being held in conjunction

with the big tent RV show that draws thousands of RVers to this sleepy desert town located 20 miles east of the California/Arizona border. The big tent will be open January 21 to 29.

This will be a loosely scheduled rally with free time for shopping, exploring the desert, and hanging out with friends old and new. We will start each day with a continental breakfast and end each day with a campfire. Bring firewood for these evening get-togethers.

Keith Shomaker will join us on Thursday afternoon for a question-and-answer session on RV maintenance. Keith is co-owner of Redlands Truck and RV Performance Center and a regular contributor to RVW magazine. Technicians from Redlands will be available at Quartzsite to conduct a free 21-point inspection of your RV. Make an appointment for this inspection by sending an email to keith@redlandstruckservice.com. Redlands Truck and RV Performance Center will also host a customer appreciation barbecue dinner Friday evening. All rally attendees are invited.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, there will be a re-dedication of the RVW Memorial at Celia's Garden.

Other activities will include a Friday afternoon seminar on batteries and solar led by Cassandra and Ed Dennis representing An RVer's Friend and a Monday morning seminar on SkyMed led by Karen and Jack Cotton. We will hold a Fulltimers Chapter meeting at 10 a.m. Sunday. We will also have a silent auction on Sunday (opening at 10 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m.). Bring new or nearly new items for this auction.

This is a boondocking rally on BLM land with no camping fees. Arrive with full water tanks, charged batteries and empty holding tanks. From I-10 take U.S. Hwy 95 south past Mile Marker 99. Turn west onto La Paz Road and take the first dirt road turn off on the right. Stop at the BLM host site to check in. You may park free for up to 14 nights in our camp area, but you must collect a permit from the BLM host. After you have secured your permit, follow the signs for the RVW rally. Our camp area is about a mile back. You will go past the Beaver rally to get to our camp area.

GPS coordinates for our camp area are: 33.65894539,-114.2171389.

FEBRUARY 2017

2-5 *Arizona Chapter: Huachuca City, Arizona.* Quail Ridge RV Resort. This park in southern Arizona is an ideal location for a rally. Local attractions include Kartchner Caverns, a stunning limestone cave that was discovered in 1974. For the wine enthusiast, there is Sonoita, home to the largest

concentration of wineries and vineyards in the state. For your inner cowgirl, there is Tombstone. This town that is “too tough to die” has been recognized as a national historic landmark. For the bird enthusiast, there is the Nature Conservancy’s Ramsey Canyon, a 280-acre world-renowned attraction with more than 170 varieties of birds. Visit www.quailridgerv.com for more information.

Campsites are \$16/night with full hookups. No deposit is required at this time. To make reservations, call the park at 520-456-9301 and ask for Jennifer (state that you are with RVW). We have booked 20 sites until December 31, 2016.

Quail Ridge RV Resort is located just off Hwy 82 at 2207 N. Yucca Drive, Huachuca City, AZ 85615. From I-10, take Hwy 90 South at exit 302 to Hwy 82 and then take your first left.

Claire Griffin, Mary Bush, Donna Sites and Debbie Oakley are the rally hosts for this event. Once you have made your reservation, e-mail Claire at cbgriff1@cox.net with your name(s) and site number.

2-5 *FreeWheeler Chapter: Hollister, California.* Casa de Fruta RV Park. We are returning to this park for another great rally.

Gwendolyn Morgan and Gail Chadbourne are the rally hosts for this event. You may reach them at gwendolyn.morgan@outlook.com.

Casa de Fruta RV Park is located at 10031 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister, CA 95023. More information about this park is available at www.casadefruta.com.

16-19 *Texas Ramblin’ Roses Chapter: Fredericksburg, Texas.* Oakwood RV Resort. This rally will coincide with Fredericksburg Trade Days. Roses found many treasures at this event last year. We will also have a swap meet Thursday through Saturday in the rally hall. We will carpool to dinner Friday night, so be sure to sign up ahead of time. Plan sides for our potluck dinner on Saturday and bring your drink, plate, and utensils.

Campsites are \$32/night. This rally rate is good for one night before and one night after our rally dates. Pay at check in. Check in is 1 p.m.; check out is 12 noon.

Make reservations with Donna Parker, not the RV park. Email the following information to parkerdonna@yahoo.com: name(s), number of attendees, RV specs (example: Class A, 32-foot, 50 amp, 3 slides), arrival/departure dates, contact phone number, special requests (close to rally room, etc.). Also indicate if you are a new member (haven’t attended any TRR rallies) and/or guest.

Oakwood RV Resort is located at 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

For rally information, contact Donna Parker at parkerdonna@yahoo.com.

17-20 *Northeast Network: West Springfield, Massachusetts.* Hampton Inn. Join us for our annual cabin fever outing and visit to the Springfield RV Show.

A block of rooms will be held until January 13

at the Hampton Inn, 1011 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

For reservations, call the Hampton Inn at 413-732-1300. Be sure to tell them you are with the Northeast Network of RVing Women.

For more information, contact Rayleen Stubbs at rayleen@optonline.net.

18-25 *SoCALjourners Chapter: Panamint Springs, California.* Panamint Springs Resort and RV Park. This campground, located at the western end of Death Valley National Park, offers awesome views of distant sand dunes and the Panamint Mountains. There is a small restaurant across the street from the park.

Make your own campsite reservations by calling 775-482-7680. Full hookup and water/electric campsites are available. Panamint Springs RV Park is located at 40440 California 190, Panamint Springs, California.

Ruth Ann Krisa is the rally host for this event. You may contact Ruth Ann at iamrak4u@gmail.com or 949-554-5496.

22-26 *Florida Chapter: Keystone Heights, Florida.* Gold Head Branch State Park. Karen Knight and Pat Lee are the rally hosts for this event. For rally information, call 404 797 1437.

Gold Head Branch State Park is located at 6239 Fl-21, Keystone Heights, Florida.

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23-27 Arizona Chapter: Apache Junction, Arizona. Lost Dutchman State Park. This rally, hosted by Diane Tricomi and Peg Berger and featuring our annual Chili cook-off, is back by popular demand. Lost Dutchman State Park is located in the Sonoran Desert, 40 miles east of Phoenix. There are hiking and biking trails that lead into the surrounding Tonto National Forest or Superstition Wilderness.

Our hosts have reserved a group camping area for boondocking. These campsites are \$20/night. There are restrooms, showers and a dump station on site. The visitor center sells maps, souvenirs, water and snacks.

To reserve a dry camping site in our group area, email Diane at pegberger@aol.com. If you wish to have a campsite with water and electric, you will need to reserve through the Arizona State Parks system at www.azstateparks.com or by calling the park office at 480-982-4485. Reserve soon as sites fill up quickly!

Our campground is located at 6109 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85119.

MARCH 2017

2-4 FreeWheeler's Chapter: Chowchilla, California. The Lakes RV and Golf Resort. Save the dates for this rally. Registration information will follow.

The Lakes RV and Golf Resort is located at 5100 E. Robertson Blvd., Chowchilla, CA 93610.

Jonni Pettit and Angela Pettit are the rally hosts for this event. You may reach them at jonniqt@gmail.com.

2-5 SoCALjourners Chapter: Sage, California. Tualota Springs RV Park. This is one of our favorite campgrounds for fun, potlucks, games, fishing, hiking,

campfires, catching up with longtime chapter members and meeting those who have joined in the past year. We will hold our annual chapter meeting at this rally. The gavel will be passed to new officers. Chapter finances, rally plans and the 2017 RVW convention will be discussed.

Tualota Springs RV Park is located at 41601 E. Benton Road, Sage, CA 92544. There will be a \$1 per day per person rally fee.

Dianne Saurenman is the rally host for this event. You may contact Dianne at dsaurman@gmail.com or 626-917-6191.

16-19 Arizona Chapter: Laughlin, Nevada. Riverside Resort RV Park. Join us as we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on the Colorado River. Plan to come on Thursday to join in all the fun. Be sure to wear your best green. We will have a loosely scheduled rally to allow for touring the area and casinos. Some non-casino options you may wish to explore are driving (gravel road) over Christmas Tree Pass with a stop at Grapevine Canyon to see the petroglyphs, walking the boardwalk on the Colorado River, taking a water taxi ride—which is an experience in itself—driving to Oatman to see the “wild” burros begging in the street, kayaking on the Colorado River or Lake Mohave (no rentals available), fishing off the pier on the Colorado River and walking the exploration trail at the Riverwalk, which is close to the RV park. In addition, the Riverside Casino has a cinema with first run movies, a bowling alley and dance hall—and, of course, all the usual casino games, bingo and a race/sports betting bar. The Colorado Belle/Edgewater usually has a St. Patrick's Day celebration on the weekend with food, music and drinks on the boardwalk. We will have a dog walk along the river one morning.

On Friday, we will have a traditional St. Patrick's Day corned beef Irish potluck. The chapter will provide corned beef. We will ask last names beginning with A through G to bring cooked carrots and potatoes, last names beginning with H through P to bring cooked cabbage and last names beginning with Q through Z to bring dessert.

On another night, we will have our Irish potato famine bar where you provide your baked potato and the club provides all the fixings. Weather permitting, the park will provide a canopy, tables and chairs for our get-togethers. They will also try to park us close together on one of the top levels.

Campsites are \$22/night, provided we fill the 20 sites we have reserved. Make reservations by calling 800-227-3849 option 5 and refer to code RVINGW.

Our rally hosts Maureen Hennessy, Nita Howard, Lori Hagge and Jolene Greeley look forward to seeing you. For rally information, contact Jolene at jtgreeley@gmail.com or 480-332-6724. Please also contact Jolene after you have reserved your campsite to let her know you are attending.

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Riverside Resort RV Park is located at 1650 S. Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV 89029.

20-24 *Arizona Chapter: Parker, Arizona.* Buckskin Mountain State Park. Make your reservations soon. This popular park, located along the Colorado River, fills up quickly. In addition to a beach and great hiking trails, park amenities include cabana sites, restrooms, showers, boat ramp, picnic area, basketball and volleyball courts, restaurant, camp store, arcade, gas dock and ranger station.

Campsites are \$35/night, and there is a \$5 non-refundable reservation fee per site. Make reservations through www.azstateparks.com or by calling the reservation center at 520-586-2283. The park phone number is 928-667-3231.

Diane Tricomi and Peg Berger, our rally hosts for this event, have booked site 30 and suggest booking sites 12 to 15 or 18 to 30. Buckskin Mountain State Park is located at 5476 N. U.S. Hwy 95, Parker, AZ 85344.

After you make reservations, notify Diane at pegberger@aol.com with your site number.

23-26 *Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter: South Padre Island, Texas.* South Padre KOA RV Resort. We have been looking forward to this rally for years, and here it is! Many thanks to our hosts, Kitty Page, Pat Bowen and Julia Osgood. This KOA resort is on Laguna Madre Bay. The Gulf of Mexico is 1/4 mile on the other side of the island. The resort includes the Pier 19 Grill and Pub (translates "restaurant") and offers Osprey Fishing Trips (bay fishing, deep-sea fishing, and dolphin watching). There are many things to do here, and the Island Metro Wave Shuttle (free) is available to take you around the island. The turtle rescue center and the birding center are both on the shuttle route, which also picks up and drops off at our resort.

Campsites are \$58.99/night (back-in with patio), \$59.99/ (pull-through, no patio), and \$69.99/night (pull-through with patio). This 25-percent discounted rate is good for two days before and two days after our rally. Cabins range from \$104/night to \$168/night for two people. There is a \$6 charge for each extra person. The 25 percent discount also applies. Look online for the different cabins that are available, all fully stocked except for food and personal toiletries.

Make reservations by calling South Padre KOA RV Resort at 956-761-5665 and ask for Tom. Be sure to mention that you are with the Texas Ramblin' Roses. Look on their website at www.southpadrekod.com for information and to check the online map, but call Tom for reservations. Online reservations will not get the 25-percent discount they have offered us and will not be parked with other Roses. The resort will take a one-night deposit when you call. You will pay the balance when you arrive. There is a \$10 cancellation fee if you cancel more than 48 hours before arrival day. If you cancel with less than 48 hours in advance, your deposit will be forfeited.

South Padre KOA RV Resort is located at 1 Padre Blvd., South Padre Island, TX 78597.

For rally information, email Pat Bowen at txpatrving@aol.com.

APRIL 2017

6-9 *Florida Chapter: North Fort Myers, Florida.* Upriver RV Park. Contact Karen Bohl with your dates of arrival and departure as well as your type of RV and length. She will create the attendee list and distribute it to the campground. You may reach Karen at beekay410@yahoo.com.

Upriver RV Park is located at 17021 Upriver Drive, North Fort Myers, FL 33917.

6-9 *SoCALjourners Chapter: Yucaipa, California.* Yucaipa Regional Park. This is a KISS rally (Keep it Simple SoCALjourners). There will be opportunities for group meals and social events such as games. The park has full hookups and pull through sites. There are stocked fishing lakes and hiking paths. It is near Oak Glen, famous for its apples and unique shops. Those who wish to attend will need to make their own reservations through San Bernardino County Parks at www.sbcountyparks.com or by calling 877-387-2757. After your reservation is made, please contact our camp host, Myra Roselinsky, and let her know your site. You may reach Myra at msmyro@aol.com or 562-427-8525.

Yucaipa Regional Park is located at 33900 Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa, CA 92399.

21-23 *Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Woodbine, Maryland.* Ramblin' Pines Campground. Details will follow.

21-23 *Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter: Kerrville, Texas.* Buckhorn Lake Resort RV Park. This will be our fourth year to rally at Buckhorn Lake Resort. What a wonderful time we've had at the rallies, visiting, eating, playing games, watching movies and exploring Kerrville and the surrounding area. Kerrville is home to James Avery Jewelry as well as museums, art galleries and many very good restaurants—plus, it is in the beautiful Texas hill country where wildflowers abound in the spring.

Campsites are \$37/night. This rate also is good for one night before and one night after the rally. For reservations, call the park at 800-568-6458. Buckhorn Lake Resort RV Park is located at 2885 Goat Creek Road, Kerrville, TX 78028.

Judy Alban, Robbie Robinette and Franki Whitbeck are the rally hosts for this event. For more information, email Judy at ronju@hctc.net.

22-23 *RVW National Event: Drumright, Oklahoma.* Central Technology Center. See page 50.

26-May 1 *Florida Chapter: Sorrento, Florida.* Wekiva Falls RV Resort. Campsites are \$28.86/night. For reservations, call 888-493-5482 (888-4-WEKIVA).

Vicki Lorick and Eddie Stull are the rally hosts for this event. For information, call 321-795-1005.

Wekiva Falls RV Resort is located at 30700 Wekiva Road, Sorrento, Florida.

After you make reservations, please use the online RSVP to let us know you are participating.

27-30 Arizona Chapter: Cottonwood, Arizona. Dead Horse Ranch State Park. This popular rally, held in conjunction with the Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival, is one not to be missed!

Numerous classes are offered, everything from specific birding topics to tours and photography. Representatives from the Northern Arizona Audubon Society will be represented.

You will also be able to visit with artists and nature enthusiasts and watch as they demonstrate their expertise and stewardship of the beauty in the area.

Campsites are \$35/night. There is a \$5 non-refundable reservation fee per site. Make reservations through www.azstateparks.com or by calling the park directly at 928-634-5283. Reserve in or near Quail Loop. Campsites at this park fill up during the birding festival, so make reservations as soon as possible.

Dead Horse Ranch State Park is located at 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.

Madeline Borthick is the rally host for this event. After you have made reservations, email Madeline at trndir@sbcglobal.net with your name(s) and site number.

27-30 Mid-America Chapter: Louisburg, Kansas.

Rutlader's Outpost RV Park. We will kick off this RVing season with our annual maintenance rally at Rutlader's Outpost RV Park, located at 33565 Metcalf Road, Louisburg, KS 66053.

A-Z Mobile Service will be on site for maintenance and repair services and Clean and Serene will be there to help you get your rig cleaned, waxed or detailed. Please call Ed at 913-294-2733 to schedule service and order any parts you might need. Call John at Clean and Serene at 816-204-1092 for a 10-percent discount on wash or wax.

This year's rally will be hosted by Shirley Eischeid and Sandi Pointelin. Registration instructions and rally details will follow.

MAY 2017

18-21 Great Lakers Chapter and Ohio River Valley Chapter: Oregon, Ohio. Maumee Bay State Park and Campground. This rally jointly sponsored by the Great Lakers and Ohio River Valley chapters will follow 10 days of the "best birding ever" festival at Magee Marsh. We will piggyback on this serious birding event with some birding and a variety of cultural/recreational activities.

Magee Marsh, situated on the southern shores of Lake Erie, is a prime stopover for the North American warblers during the spring migration. Every year thousands of birders, photographers, and nature lovers flock to this location in spring to witness the unforgettable spectacle of the large songbird concentration preparing to migrate across the great lake toward their breeding grounds in the north. Many birders make the trip annually. Some have been doing so for more than twenty-five years. For more information, visit mageemarsh.org.

We will also take some time in Toledo to visit the James Schoonmaker Museum Ship and Tony Pack's restaurant made famous by the TV show M*A*S*H. Enjoy lunch while checking out the celebrity-signed hot dog buns displayed on café walls. In addition to the world-famous hot dog, other Hungarian specialties include chicken paprika, stuffed cabbage, apple strudel and dumplings and fried green pickles.

Other places of interest are the National Museum of the Great Lakes, the Glass Pavilion, and the Libby Glass Factory outlet.

Our tentative agenda will include a meet and greet Thursday (bring an appetizer to share). We will have a potluck dinner Friday night with hamburgers/veggie burgers provided by the rally.

You can make reservations up to 6 months in advance at www.ohiostateparks.reserveamerica.com. Our campsites will be in sites 158 to 167 (or cabins 169 to 171 or yurt 152).

Campsites (subject to change) are \$25/night for in-state residents and \$30/night for out-of-state residents. Campsites have electricity. You can fill with potable water at an appropriate water station. The yurt is \$45/night (\$50/night for out-of-state residents). Maumee Bay State Park and Campground is located at 1400 State Park Road, Oregon, OH 43616.

Cindy Turvy and Naomi Weinert are the rally hosts for this event. You may reach Cindy and Naomi at weinturv@core.com or 614-579-3867.

Please reserve your own campsite and sign up on the RVW website. Also contact the rally hosts to let them know you are coming to the rally and if you will have a tow vehicle. There is a \$10 per person rally fee for this event.

18-21 Florida Chapter: Tarpon Springs, Florida. Hickory Point RV Park. We are returning to this park for a great weekend rally. Spaces are limited so make reservations as soon as possible.

For rally information, contact Lin Raveis or Linnie Youngblood at fla52107@aol.com.

Hickory Point RV Park is located at 1181 Anclote Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida.

19-21 Northeast Network: Eastford, Connecticut. Charlie Brown Campground. Join us for our annual spring fling outing and get ready for a great RV season. Activities will include an RV educational program.

Charlie Brown Campground is located at 98 Chaplin Road, Eastford, CT 06242. For reservations, call the campground at 860-974-0142. Be sure to tell them you are with the Northeast Network of RVing Women.

Sandie Bock and Rayleen Stubbs are the rally leaders for this event. You may reach Sandie at sandiebock@comcast.net or Rayleen at rayleen@optonline.net.

19-21 Rocky Mountain Chapter: Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mountindale Cabins and RV Resort. Call the campground at 719-576-0619 to reserve your campsite, and remember to mention that you are with the RVW Rocky Mountain Chapter.

We have 25 sites reserved for this rally.

Make your reservations as soon as possible. Campsites at this park do fill up fast. Mountandale Cabins and RV Resort is located at 2000 Barrett Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80926.

Bev Luedecke and Penny Brown are the rally hosts for this event. You may contact Bev at 719-963-7185 or mtnbev@gmail.com or Penny at 719-494-9188 or naturegal43@gmail.com.

30-Jun 3 Mid-America Chapter: Sedalia, Missouri. Missouri State Fairgrounds. Each year, the Mid-America Chapter meets for this annual ragtime festival honoring the legendary Scott Joplin, musician and author of such famous ragtime music as *The Entertainer* and *Maple Leaf Rag*.

Nearly 40 musicians from all over the world gather for this four-day celebration, offering free concerts throughout this historic town. For more information about this festival, visit www.scottjoplin.org. The festival starts early on May 31, so you may want to come in on Tuesday, May 30.

No Registration or reservations are required. Join us at the Missouri State Fairgrounds, located at 16th Street and Clarendon in Sedalia, and pick your spot.

For rally information, contact Barb Schneider at bks311@gmail.com.

JUNE 2017

1-4 Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Old Mill Stream Campground. Details will follow.
1-4 Ohio River Valley Chapter: Salvisa, Kentucky. Cummins Ferry Resort Campground and Marina. Ready. Set. March. The Great American Brass Band Festival is coming to Danville, Kentucky (June 1 to 4) and we will be there to enjoy it. This free festival is in its 27th year. The theme this year is the Roaring Twenties. The festival includes a parade, daily band concerts, festival market, antique bicycles on display, and food vendors. Visit www.gabfbf.org for information about this festival.

There are several area attractions nearby. We might visit Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill for hiking and touring or board the Dixie Belle Riverboat for a one-hour narrated tour through towering limestone cliffs and untouched natural beauty.

Cummins Ferry Resort is setting aside 10 spaces for our rally. For reservations, call the resort at 859-865-2003. Reserve by early May to ensure a pull-through site.

Cummins Ferry Resort is located at 2558 Cummins Ferry Road, Salvisa, KY 40372. Visit www.cumminsferry.com for information about this resort.

For rally information, contact Patty Cooper at patricia.cooper@icloud.net. There is a chapter rally fee of \$10 for this event payable at the rally.

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15-18 *Great Lakers Chapter: Mackinaw City, Michigan.* Mill Creek Campground. Join us for a fun rally and a visit to Mackinac Island and the 69th Mackinac Island Lilac Festival. This 10-day celebration (June 9-18) will include the coronation of a festival queen and court, the Lilac 10K Run and Walk, horse-drawn carriage tours, numerous concerts, wine tasting, a Taste of Mackinac culinary event, the Mackinac Island Dog and Pony Show, a grand parade and much more.

We will board a ferryboat out of Mackinaw City on Friday to go to the Lilac Festival and take a horse-drawn carriage tour of the island. We will spend some time on the island enjoying the many festival activities before boarding the ferry back to Mackinaw City. The cost of the ferryboat and carriage tour is \$44.

Saturday will be reserved for exploring the Mackinac Straits. This area is proud to be home to three national historic sites. Choices include visiting the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, bicycling on the North Central Trail, kayaking, golfing, eating pasties and fudge and spending time at a unique shopping area with free nightly laser light shows at dusk. We will share a potluck dinner on Saturday night.

Campsites are \$46/night during the week; \$50/night on weekends. These are full hookups with 30-amp electric. For reservations, call the campground at 231-436-5584. Office hours during the winter are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The campground requests that reservations be made by March 1. We have reserved 25 sites across from the beach with a view of the Mackinaw Bridge.

Mill Creek Campground is located at 9730 US 23, Mackinaw City, Michigan. For information about this campground, visit campmackinaw.com.

Karen Lentz and Gayle Bennett are the rally hosts for this event. When you have made reservations, please contact Karen or Gayle to let them know you are attending and also let them know if you plan to go on the ferryboat and Mackinac Island tour. You may contact Karen at 616-566-4872 or oakville8@gmail.com or Gayle at 248-670-8809 geebe@gmail.com.

16-18 *Mid-America Chapter: Council Grove, Kansas.* Council Grove Lake. Barb Bennett and Anna Smith are hosting this rally during the annual Washunga Days Festival in Council Grove, a historic town on the original Santa Fe Trail. There will be a vintage market, food, live music, a car show, a powwow, a carnival and much, much more. Be sure to come out for the downtown parade. The Mid-America Chapter will be hosting a float!

For more information about the Washunga Days Festival, visit www.washungadays.com.

Camping reservations will be made through the hostesses. Reservation details will follow.

16-18 *Northeast Network: Boothbay, Maine.* Shore Hills Campground. Join us for our annual Lobster Fest.

Details will follow. For rally information, email Teddie Grayson at tedgiu@yahoo.com.

Shore Hills Campground is located at 553 Wiscasset Road, Boothbay, ME 04537. Their phone number is 207-633-4782.

23-25 *Rocky Mountain Chapter: Antonito, Colorado.* Conejos River Campground and Mogote National Forest Campground. This rally will be held at two campgrounds. The Conejos River Campground has full hookup campsites. The Mogote National Forest Campground is a boondocking campground. Both are within close proximity of each other. Group activities will be at Conejos River Campground. Our tentative agenda includes dinner on Thursday for early arrivers at Dutch Mill Cafe in Antonito. We will have a meet and greet gathering Friday evening. Saturday afternoon and evening activities will include a *World Series of Beanbag Baseball* with a supper concession stand. We will have leftover specials on Sunday for everyone staying until Monday.

This area near Antonito is loaded with things to do. Activities could include a Narrow Gauge Railroad train ride, visits to the Stations of the Cross (the oldest church in Colorado) or the wall sculpture in San Luis (the oldest town in Colorado), fishing, hiking and horseback riding. We might also do a car tour of murals in nearby towns or take a road trip to Chama, New Mexico. More details will be available closer to rally date.

Campsite reservations can be made after January 31. For campsites with hookups at Conejos River Campground, call 719-376-5943. For boondocking campsites at Mogote Campground, reserve online at www.recreation.gov.

If you have questions, contact Effie Fern 719-542-2111 or email petcop@hotmail.com. Concession stand volunteers are needed for our *World Series of Beanbag Baseball* event on Saturday. Please let Effie know if you can volunteer.

JULY 2017

13-16 *Great Lakers Chapter and Ohio River Valley Chapter: Berrien Springs, Michigan.* Shamrock Park. Great Lakers and Ohio River Valley members will join together for a rally at Shamrock Park, located on the banks of the St. Joseph River and only twelve miles from Lake Michigan's sandy shores. Nearby Warren Dunes State Park has miles of hiking trails and sand dunes. Charter fishing is available. The Berrien Springs area has many farm markets, wineries and u-pick farms.

Campsite rates in 2016 were \$26/night for 30-amp electric and water. There are new individual shower houses. Make reservations by calling the park at 269-473-5691. Tell them you are with RVing Women.

Shamrock Park is located at 9385 Old U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. For more information about this park, visit www.shamrock.net.

Kathy Isenhour and Shelly Haley are the rally hosts for this event. You may contact Kathy at

kisenhour51@gmail.com or call/text her at 317-372-0680. There is a chapter rally fee of \$10 for this event payable at the rally.

- 14–16** *Northeast Network: Old Mystic, Connecticut.* Mystic Seaport Campground. The theme for this rally is Wear It Proud. Details will follow.

Terri Polverari and Deb Bassett are the rally hosts for this event. You may reach them at steadysail@aol.com.

Mystic Seaport Campground is located at 45 Campground Road, Old Mystic, Connecticut. Their phone number is 888-457-9180.

- 20–23** *Rocky Mountain Chapter: Gunnison, Colorado.* Elk Creek Campground and Marina. Mark these dates and join us for a spectacular weekend on the Blue Mesa Reservoir, Colorado's largest body of water. Plans include a pontoon ride on the Blue Mesa on Friday. Of course, everyone can certainly bring her own kayak or boat. For land lovers, we will also plan sightseeing drives that take you along the upper Black Canyon Rim, or we might head to Crested Butte for a bit of shopping and lunch in this delightful ski town.

Saturday, we will take a thrilling and educational ranger-led boat trip from Morrow Point down the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River, named black because the gorge is so steep and narrow that very little light penetrates the bottom. This is a do-not-miss opportunity to see the Grand Canyon of Colorado from the water with thousand-foot vertical walls on each side. We will make a group reservation on May 1 for up to 42 women. The payment amount of \$24 per person is due to us by April 15. Plan a leisurely walk to the boat down 200-plus steps plus a 3/4-mile level hike to the launch site. There are numerous benches as you travel down the steps and walk to the boat.

Saturday evening after dinner, we will head into Gunnison to their observatory and star gaze.

We will camp at Elk Creek Campground and Marina on Loop D. This standard electric 28-site

loop offers 50-amp service and is a short distance from the lake and marina. Reservations can be made beginning January 20 at recreation.gov. These sites are electric only. Loops A, B and C are dry-camp loops (adjacent to Loop D).

Elk Creek Campground and Marina is located at 102 Elk Creek, Gunnison, CO 81230.

Let our rally hosts, Joanne Mallett and Judy Hashem, know you are planning to attend. Contact Joanne at joannemallett@gmail.com or 409-771-0987 or Judy at judyhashem@gmail.com or 317-442-9443. Call if you have questions, need directions, or want our address for the Morrow Point boat reservation.

- 21–23** *Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Woodbine, Maryland.* Ramblin' Pines Campground. Third Annual Crab Fest. Details will follow.

AUGUST 2017

- 4–7** *Great Lakers Chapter: Interlochen, Michigan.* Interlochen State Park. This park is located between Green Lake and Duck Lake. The area has much to offer in the way of outdoor activities. In addition, there are many activities and concerts to attend at the Interlochen Arts Academy, which is across the street from the park. Plan on staying Sunday, August 6 for the *Les Preludes* concert.

Campsites are \$23 to \$25/night for Michigan residents with a recreation passport. All sites are electric only. Try to reserve a campsite between 185 and 217 in the North Campground. These are larger sites and closer to the Arts Camp.

Reservations can be made six months in advance, which would be February 4 for this rally. Since this is a state park, reservations need to be made as soon as possible. To make reservations, call 800-447-2757 (800-44PARKS) or reserve online at www.michigan.gov/dnr and select *Campground and Harbor Reservations*.

For rally information, contact Tommie Prenciczky at 989 939-8212 or tprenciczky@gmail.com.

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2. By entering into this liability waiver agreement, I hereby agree and acknowledge that I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by RVW other than what is set forth in this agreement.

I have read and understand the terms of this liability waiver agreement. I am 18 years of age or older and mentally competent to enter into this agreement.

Your signature on your RVing Women membership application, membership renewal or liability waiver affirms your agreement, made freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

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18–21 Rocky Mountain Chapter: Dubois, Wyoming. Longhorn Ranch RV Park. This will be a very special RVW rally! We will be in the path of totality for the 2017 solar eclipse, which means that on Monday at 11:37 a.m. we will experience the Great American Eclipse when the moon's shadow sweeps across the United States. This is an opportunity of a lifetime, so call the Longhorn Ranch RV Park at 307-455-2337 to reserve your spot.

We will have a happy hour Friday evening. Please bring finger foods to share. Your hosts will provide breakfast Saturday morning. We will have a potluck dinner Saturday night in the Ramada-covered pavilion that we have reserved.

We will all gather Monday morning to watch the eclipse. It will begin at 10:15 a.m. and end at 1:02 p.m., with maximum totality at 11:37 a.m. There will be a group of astronomers from Rice University staying at the park. We have been told the professor will be doing talks about the eclipse.

If you plan on photographing the eclipse, you will need a special filter for your camera. You will also need special eclipse glasses to watch the eclipse before and after totality. Your hosts will purchase 50 pairs of glasses and will give them to you at the rally.

We have reserved 20 campsites (basically all of the Leafy Trees spots, which are blue on the

Recalls



Recall: Front Truss Assembly

REV Recreation Group—Holiday Rambler Vacationer (2015–2016)

Defect: The affected vehicles have a front truss that may not be adequately supported at the attachments points, allowing any wire harnesses or hydraulic lines routed between the truss and its supporting framework to be pinched or crushed. A damaged wire harness could cause an electrical short. A damaged hydraulic line may leak fluid. **Remedy:** REV will notify owners and dealers will install additional steel to support the front truss. Dealers will also inspect the hydraulic hoses and electrical wiring. Owners may contact REV at 800-509-3417.

Recall: Stove Wiring

Forest River Inc.—Forest River Vibe (2017)

Defect: The outside kitchen stove on the affected travel trailers may have been connected to a 12-volt D.C. positive circuit, increasing the risk of electrical shock and injury. **Remedy:** Forest River will notify owners and dealers will disconnect the positive wire free of charge. Owners may contact Forest River at 574-296-2084.

Recall: LP Gas Line Assembly

Forest River Inc.—Dynamax Isata (2017)

Defect: The affected vehicles may be missing a securing cable tie on the rubber grommet for the copper liquid propane gas line. If the rubber grommet is not properly sealed and secured, there is an increased risk of a propane leak and fire. **Remedy:** Forest River will notify owners and dealers will inspect the grommet and install a cable tie as necessary free of charge. Owners may contact Forest River at 574-262-3474.

Recall: Wheelchair Lifts

Newmar Corp.—Canyon Star (2012–2017)

Defect: On the affected motorhomes, incorrect bolts may have been used to install the wheelchair lift base. These bolts may break unexpectedly, allowing the lift to move. **Remedy:** Newmar will notify owners and Newmar service facilities will replace the wheelchair lift base mounting bolts free of charge. Owners may contact Newmar at 800-731-8300.

Recall: Brake Warning

Motor coach Industries—MCI J4500 (2017)

Defect: The affected vehicles may experience a multiplexing programming error that will not provide any visual or audible warnings if the primary service brake air reservoir system has low pressure. If the driver is unaware that the service brakes have low air pressure, the brakes could apply automatically, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** MCI will notify owners and dealers will correct the programming of the multiplexing system free of charge. Owners may contact MCI at 800-241-2947.

Recall: Wheel Well Assembly

Jayco Inc.—Jay Sport (2017)

Defect: On camping trailers equipped with the Baja Option, the inside walls of the tires may rub against the wheel wells, possibly resulting in a tire blowout. **Remedy:** Jayco will notify owners and dealers will replace the axle and wheel wells and labels free of charge. Owners may contact Jayco at 800-283-8267.

Recall: Power Center Wiring

Keystone RV Co.—Dutchmen Coleman (2017)

Defect: In the affected RVs, wiring in the power center may be loose and some wires may be frayed. Loose or frayed wiring may increase the risk of a fire. **Remedy:** Keystone has notified owners and dealers will inspect the wiring in the power center, correcting it as necessary free of charge. Owners may contact Keystone at 574-535-2100.

Recall: Fuse for Awning Lights

Jayco Inc.—Seismic (2016–2017)

Defect: The affected vehicles may be equipped with an under-rated fuse for the awning LED lights. The incorrect fuse may not properly protect the circuit, allowing an electrical short to occur and increasing the risk of a fire. **Remedy:** Jayco will notify owners and dealers will replace the fuse with the correct 1.85-amp hold 3.70-amp trip fuse free of charge. Owners may contact Jayco at 800-283-8267.

Recall: Spare Tire Bracket

Thor Motor Coach—Chateau (2016–2017), Four Winds (2016–2017)

Defect: The affected motorhomes are equipped with a spare tire bracket that may loosen and detach during vehicle operation. **Remedy:** Thor will notify owners and dealers will install carriage bolts to properly secure the spare tire bracket free of charge. Owners may contact Thor at 877-500-1020.

map). More spaces may be available if those fill up. There are a couple big rig campsites. We did not reserve any tent spots, so call soon if you need one. Your hosts are staying in site #11 so they can set up tables for breakfast on Saturday.

Longhorn Ranch RV Park has fire pits at each site, 30 and 50 amp hookups, cable hookups, a dog park and laundry facilities. The park is located at 5810 US-26, Dubois, WY 82513, three miles from the town of Dubois and close to both Grand Tetons National Park and Yellowstone National Park. Dena Laterza and Terri Theisen are your hosts for this rally. For information, call Dena at 512-656-3053 or email denalaterza@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER 2017

14–17 Ohio River Valley Chapter: Madison, Indiana. Clifty Falls State Park. Join us in beautiful Clifty Falls State Park, one of the gems of the Indiana state park system. With beautiful waterfalls, fossil beds and plenty of hiking trails, this is a nature lover's paradise. The historic town of Madison, located on the Ohio River, is populated with plenty of historic homes, a thriving downtown, and a riverwalk. There is a nearby golf course and some wineries. There is not a firm agenda for this rally at this time. However, we plan to eat at the park lodge one evening for spectacular views of the river.

Recall: Shower Assembly

Triple E RV—Triple E Unity (2016)

Defect: The affected vehicles have a shower head that can be lowered into the shower pan or sink basin. In the event of a waste water backup, a submerged showerhead may syphon the waste water, possibly contaminating the fresh water supply. **Remedy:** Triple E will notify owners and dealers will install two guide rings free of charge to prevent the shower head from lowering into the shower pan or sink basin. Owners may contact Triple E at 877-992-9906.

Recall: Tow Hitch Weight Capacity Sticker

Tiffin Motorhomes Inc.—Allegro (2015–2017)

Defect: The affected vehicles have a tow hitch with a weight capacity sticker that may indicate an incorrect weight capacity. If the hitch is loaded to the weight on the sticker, the hitch could fail and the towed vehicle could separate from the motorhome. **Remedy:** Tiffin will notify owners and send them a corrected label to replace the incorrect label. Owners may contact Tiffin at 256-356-8661.

Recall: Power Steering Pump

Entegra Coach—Cornerstone (2017)

Newmar Corp.—Essex (2017), King Aire (2017), London Aire (2017), Mountain Aire (2017)

Defect: The affected vehicles have a power steering pump that may have an occasional loss of output power, resulting in reduced or intermittent loss of power steering assist.

Remedy: Newmar will notify owners and Spartan Motors dealers will replace the power steering pump free of charge. Owners may contact Spartan Motors at 800-543-4277, Entegra at 800-945-4787 or Newmar at 800-731-8300.

Recall: Intermediate Side Lamps

Eldorado National—Aero Elite (2011–2016)

Defect: The affected RVs built on Ford and Navistar chassis have intermediate side lamps that may not stay illuminated when the headlights are on. **Remedy:** Eldorado will notify owners and dealers will inspect the intermediate side lamps, replacing them as necessary free of charge. Owners may contact Eldorado at 800-955-4236.

Recall: Brake Activation Signal

Newmar Corp.—Dutch Star (2015)

Defect: On certain motorhomes built on a Freightliner XCM, XCR or XCL motorhome chassis and equipped with a heavier, adjustable foot pedal, the brake activation signal to towed devices may not deactivate when the

motorhome service brakes are released. The brakes on the towed device could remain engaged. As a result, the brakes would drag and possibly overheat, potentially resulting in a fire. **Remedy:** Newmar will notify owners and Freightliner dealers will modify the affected pedal assemblies free of charge. Owners may contact Newmar at 800-731-8300.

Recall: Slide-out Motor

Newmar Corp.—Dutch Star (2017), Ventana (2017)

Defect: The affected motorhomes may have a wardrobe slide-out motor that may have been installed without having a brake. The slide-out box could extend unexpectedly, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:**

Newmar will notify owners and dealers will inspect the motor and replace it if necessary free of charge. Owners may contact Newmar at 800-731-8300.

Recall: Air Conditioner Wire Harness

Forest River Inc.—Flagstaff (2017), Rockwood (2017)

Defect: The affected travel trailers, equipped with two air conditioners, may have excess slack in the wiring harness used in the air conditioner that contains a heating element. If not tied back and properly secured away from the heating element, the wires could melt and short. **Remedy:** Forest River will notify owners and dealers will install a remedy kit to constrain the wires free of charge. Owners may contact Forest River at 574-642-5164.

Recall: Hydraulic Entry Step Controller

Newmar Corp.—Essex (2017), King Aire (2017), London Aire (2017)

Defect: The affected RVs have a hydraulic entry step controller that may not function as designed and may allow the steps to retract unexpectedly while in use. **Remedy:** Newmar will notify owners and dealers will inspect the steps and update the controller software free of charge. Owners may contact Newmar at 800-731-8300.

Recall: Wheelchair Access Door Lock

Newmar Corp.—Canyon Star (2015–2017)

Defect: The affected motorhomes are equipped with a wheelchair access door with a power door lock that may open while the vehicle is in motion if the keyfob button is pressed. **Remedy:** Newmar will notify owners and dealers will add a relay harness to prevent the keyfob button from opening the door while the vehicle is in motion. Owners may contact Newmar at 800-731-8300.

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The **Lyte Hearts Chapter** meets at 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at Maria's Cafe, 1113 East Franklin, Minneapolis MN 55404. For more information, call Pat Dix at 763-544-4545.

Clifty Falls State Park is located at 1501 Green Road, Madison, Indiana. We will be camping in sites 17 to 27 with sites 97 to 102 for additional sites if we need them. These sites look plenty big enough for the big campers. They have electric hookups, trees, picnic tables and fire pits. The bathhouse isn't too far away. Reserve your campsite after March 13 online at www.indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 866-622-6746.

Carole Tieman and Sally Brenzel are the rally hosts for this event. For rally information, email tiemanc@zoomtown.com or poddingalong@aol.com. There is a chapter rally fee of \$10 for this event payable at the rally.

29-Oct 1 Northeast Network: Littleton, New Hampshire. Crazy Horse Campground. For campsite reservations, call 603-444-2204. Crazy Horse Campground is located at 788 Hilltop Road, Littleton, NH 03561.

Cathy Biliouris and Cindy Zwicker are the rally hosts for this event. For rally information, contact Cathy at cathy.bil@comcast.net.

OCTOBER 2017

17-22 RVW National Convention: Goshen, Indiana. Elkhart County Fairgrounds. Come early to participate in pre-convention workshops and tours. Details will follow.

NOVEMBER 2017

1-5 Florida Chapter: Summerfield, Florida. Southern Oaks RV Resort. Mark your calendars now for this rally. Details and reservation information will follow. Ann Jennings is the rally host for this event. You may reach Ann at 352-455-5106.

Southern Oaks RV Resort is located at 14140 US 441, Summerfield, FL 34491.

9-12 Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Old Mill Stream Campground. Details will follow.

DECEMBER 2017

7-10 Florida Chapter: Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Gregory E. Moore RV Resort. Please note that the location for this rally has changed. This is a beautiful state park with paved campsites with sewer, water, electric and cable hookups.

To be together as a group, please try to book a campsite from 101 to 117 or 144 to 152. Make reservations through Reserve America. Reserve online at floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 800-326-3521. You can make reservations 11 months in advance.

Sally Blonder and Freddie Lewis are the rally hosts for this event. After you have reserved your campsite, please email slb434@aol.com with your name(s) and site number.

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Gregory E. Moore RV Resort is located at 7525 W. Scenic Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459.

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January 25	March/April
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November 25	January/February

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Articles must be relevant in some way to RVing.

Photos to accompany articles are always appreciated. Electronic files sent as a jpeg attachment are preferred. Please identify the person who took the photo and include two or three sentences describing the photo and listing the names of people pictured.

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Discovering the Joy of Volunteering

As you read earlier in this magazine, over 1,500 hours were donated at the 2016 convention held last October in Mesa, Arizona. That number is more than matched throughout the year—at rallies and chapter events and by members of RVW committees and task forces. Every time we ask, at convention or any other time of the year, we learn that, yes, volunteering is a great way to meet other members and to maximize the joy that being a part of this great organization brings.

The following are some of the statements we have heard this past year from RVW volunteers.

At every rally, it's like being in a family reunion, but maybe a little better. We form friendships. These are the good times and our best times in our lives. Supporting, teaching, learning, communing with friends and nature, that's what I love about RVing Women. We keep growing because being in the presence of so many talented women is wonderful.—*Lin Raveis and Linnie Youngblood*

I am enjoying getting to know RVW members from across the country by being a part of an RVW task force.—*Jennifer Gobershock*

The Florida chapter of RVW has provided us with a seamless transition from fast paced careers to fun-filled, relaxed, life-is-good adventure. It has opened our hearts and minds to new possibilities that we had never imagined. The spirit of friendship, sharing of knowledge and camaraderie is priceless.—*Diana Worzalla and Deb Williams*

I've volunteered for a wide variety of things: from setting up chairs and hosting breakfasts to serving as event captain for several events, serving on the Cascadia Chapter board three different years, and being one of the leaders in charge of our auction every two years (our primary fundraising event). In each case, for me it's always been about being involved hands on. The more involved I've been in Cascadia, the more connected I've felt to our community, and the more fun I've had. As I've been truly involved, I've felt that I am truly a part of this group. I've developed close relationships, and this circle of friendships keeps getting bigger. Because we have common interests and goals—that we genuinely care for our organization, that it runs smoothly, and we're here to have fun. So it feels easy to step up and volunteer to do things. It's fun to be a part of the group and to help make things happen! And it's fun to meet new people, bring them into the fold, hear their ideas, and help them see those ideas happen.—*Linda Clark*

Volunteering has enabled me to meet some of the most incredible, talented and fun RVW members. It has enabled me to hone my skills—from peeling potatoes to coordinating the actions of others toward a common goal. It is so rewarding to see the fruits of the actions of a group and to feel being a part of it.—*Candy Wood*

Joining RVing Women has been a very pleasant and rewarding experience. I value the diversity of the membership with everyone bringing their own skills and resources. I treasure the opportunity to be surrounded by a group of empowered women and bask in the camaraderie of their warm friendships. Having spent most of my working years belonging to large organizations, some of which were more obligatory than enjoyable, it is such a pleasant departure now to be able to learn from and share my time with those that I want to. —*Pat Ferraro*

RVW has helped me step outside my comfort zone of being in the background (where I really prefer). By volunteering to help in a small way, it made me realize the safety net of friendship that surrounds and supports you. In RVW, there is always someone there to catch you. Then one day you realize that now you are a catcher.—*Judy Barger*

RVW has defiantly changed my life. I have met countless new friends, traveled to many different places and learned of many hidden treasures in my own community. Most importantly, volunteering to be a leader has built my confidence level to a much higher level. All fourteen years have been amazing! —*Bev Smethurst*

We are living the vision of the RVW Task Force on Volunteerism and Leadership Development. Show your appreciation for our volunteers and make a resolution now to look for ways you can share your time and talents. Like others, you will find that volunteering is a rewarding experience.

Vision Statement of the RVW Task Force on Volunteerism and Leadership Development

There is a supportive culture within RVW where leadership is desirable, comfortable, rewarding and successful, and where each RVW member is involved in some volunteer and/or leadership capacity. There exists an enormous pool of willing, skilled and eager volunteers who take turns performing the myriad of tasks that fulfill the mission of the organization.

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